

SKOKIE VALLEY

Welcomes you!



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Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, February 7

Shacharit: 7:15 am

Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Maariv: 5:03 pm in Berger

Candle lighting: 4:53 pm

Shabbat February 8

Shacharit: 9:00 am

Before Kiddush: Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul will share a few thoughts on fighting antisemitism and hate crimes in Illinois, his recent trip to Israel, and more.

Mincha/Maariv: 4:50 pm

Havdallah: 5:57 pm

Sunday, February 9

Shacharit: 9:00 am

Mincha/Maariv: 5:10 pm

Daily Shacharit

Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:15 am

Daily Maariv

Monday through Thursday: 8:00 pm

**Skokie Valley Board of Directors meeting on
Sunday, 2/9 at 7:30 pm.**

Mazal Tov!

To **Rachel Karp-Finkle and James Finkle and big sister Zara** on the birth of a baby boy!

Todah Rabah

Kiddush this week is sponsored by **Mark & Roberta Goldman** of Baltimore, MD, in honor of their son **Josh Goldman**, who has become a partner in the firm of Mermel-Goldman, CPAs, and of their daughter-in-law **Meira** who is starting her own practice as an LCSW.

Seudah shlishit is sponsored this week by **Rachael Gray-Raff & Elliot Raff** on the yahrzeit of Rachael's mother, Natalie Bell Gray z'l.

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

We are so thrilled that we continue to grow as a community! Thank you for warmly welcoming our new members.

To host a new family for a Shabbat meal please contact Rachel Stein simesstein@gmail.com

In the spirit of inclusion, we are excited to offer brand new page readers for those who need a little help seeing the small print of the siddur.

You can find them on the table with all our different siddurim outside the sanctuary. Thank you to Felice Fischer for making this happen!

Misheberach for Cholim: In order to ensure that we are offering a misheberach for members of our community in need of physical, emotional and/or spiritual healing, we will be sending a monthly link to a form where you can enter the names of those for whom you wish a prayer to be said. All names on this list will be personally recited by a gabbai or gabbait every day when Torah is recited, in addition to being included in the prayers of individuals in our community. If you enter a name on the list, we request that you renew it each month the person is in need of healing. The list will be cleared on Shabbat Mevarchim each month. You may find the form at <https://www.svaj.org/misheberach>. You may also call the office with the information at 847-674-3473.

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

Friday night, February 7 @ 7:30 pm: Pre Tu B'shvat Oneg/Seder led by community member Jonathan Wolf in Israel Hall. Enjoy fruits, wine, learning, and singing to celebrate the New Year of Trees.

Tuesday, February 11, 7-8:30 pm: Simon Wiesenthal Center presents "Erasing the Hate" co-sponsored by Skokie Valley. This event features TM Garret, former white supremacist leader turned human rights activist and founder of C.H.A.N.G.E, a Memphis-based non-profit organization which engages in community outreach programs, food drives, seminars, anti-racism & anti-violence campaigns.

Shabbat, February 21-22: Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Dr. Devorah Schoenfeld. Rabbi Schoenfeld is Associate Professor of Judaism at Loyola University Chicago, where she teaches Judaism, Bible, Comparative Religion and Jewish-Christian relations. Rabbi Schoenfeld will be speaking at Friday night dinner, on Shabbat after Musaf and before Mincha @ 4:55 pm. Friday night dinner is a special Chinese menu catered by Tacos Gingi. RSVP for dinner reservations by February 18 at <https://www.svaj.org/dinner-with-devorah-schoenfeld>

Sunday, February 23 @ 1:30-3:00 pm: Mirele Goldsmith, founder of the Jewish Earth Alliance 1:30 - 3 pm. Event co-sponsored by Kol Sasson, Orot and Hazon. "Responding to Climate Change with Jewish Wisdom and Community: What We Can Do Together!" How is climate change impacting the Jewish community in Chicago, in Israel and around the world? How can you help? Join us for learning and inspiration as we explore answers to these questions informed by Jewish tradition and the latest research.

Saturday, February 29 @ 8:40 pm: Broomball is back! Put on your padding and prepare for an evening of slipping, sliding and fun! RSVP and details at svaj.org/broomball-2020! Adults only.

Sunday Night Seminar Speaker Series: A Deeper Dive, Beginning in March and featuring scholars in our community. More details soon.

Tuesday, March 10, 4:40-6:30 pm: Save the date for Purim Palooza! Sponsors are needed now to determine how awesome the event will be. Go to <https://www.svaj.org/purim-palooza-2020> to register and sponsor!

Shabbat, March 13-14: Artist in Residence Jordan Gorfinkel. "Gorf" is a cartoonist, musician, producer and director and the creator of the Passover Haggadah Graphic Novel. He also runs the Jewish Cartoon Workshop for schools, camps and family programs. Stay tuned for details of what promises to be an amazing shabbat!

Shabbat, March 20-21: JOFA Shabbaton at Skokie Valley. Details soon.

This Week's Classes at Skokie Valley

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

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

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

Thursday @ 10:00 am: BYOK (Bring Your Own Kid) with Rav Ari. Learning for parents with children in the playroom at the end of the school wing (Multi-purpose Room). Children are welcome to come play with our toys while parents learn with Rav Ari! We are studying Hilchot Deot of the Rambam.

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

Hakarat Hatov to Rachael Gray-Raff, Nancy Schwartz and Melody Coven for planning a wonderful family Shabbat davening and dinner last week!

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.

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

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

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

For the safety and security of our kids, children should be in groups or in shul with a caretaker. If children are found wandering the building, they will be brought directly to you. Thank you for your partnership in helping keep our children and community safe. For questions, contact Youth Director Sara Price children@svaj.org

Children's Groups begin at 9:30 am in four separate classrooms, with early babysitting available starting at 9:15 am. To keep our rooms safe and clean, please do not bring lollipops or sticky candy into groups.



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

Get to Know...Paula & Adam Landau!!

Family Info: We have 3 kids, Hannah is 9, Aviva is 7 and Eli is 5

Favorite Jewish Food: Adam--chopped liver, Paula--gefilte fish

Profession: Adam--Marketing for the US Dairy Industry,
Paula--Physical Therapy

Latkes or Hamentaschen: Latkes with applesauce for Adam
and with sour cream for Paula:)



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

Monday, February 10th @ 8 pm. La'Briut presents "An Illness Like Any Other: Changing the Conversation About Suicide" featuring and hosted by Marianne Novak, 9135 Dr. Korczak Terrace, Skokie. \$5 suggested donation. For women and girls 16 and over. LabruitChicagco@gmail.com 773-234-5281

Rabbi Dr. Devorah Schoenfeld



*Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob's
Scholar in Residence Presents*
Rabbi Dr. Devorah Schoenfeld
February 21-22, 2020

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Friday Night, Feb 21 • 5:20^{PM}
*Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv,
followed by dinner and speaker:*
A Jewish Reading of Paul.

Shabbat Morning, Feb 22
Following Musaf:
**Interpretations of
Songs of Songs**

Shabbat Afternoon, Feb 22
Before Mincha • 4:55 pm:
**Teaching Judaism in a
Catholic University**

Please RSVP for the dinner:
<https://www.svaj.org/dinner-with-devorah-schoenfeld>



SKOKIE VALLEY & KOL SASSON PRESENT

PURIM PALOOZA

Seudah & Party

Tuesday, March 10th 4:40 to 6:30

3:30 -4:30 Carnival Games and Bounce House
open to children with Special Needs ▼
(with parental supervision)

**BOUNCE HOUSE!
DAVE'S TRAVELING WORLD OF REPTILES!
KARAOKE! CARNIVAL GAMES!
CHESED PROJECT! CRAFTS!
DINNER! ADULT DRINKS!**

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