Parshat Bo
6 Shevat 5780

Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, January 31
Shacharit: 7:15 am
Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Maariv: 4:54 pm in Berger
Family Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 pm in Sanctuary
Candle lighting: 4:44 pm

Shabbat February 1
Shacharit: 9:00 am
Drasha: Yeshivat Maharat Intern Dr. Liz Shayne
“There is a darkness on the edge of Egypt”
Mincha/Maariv: 4:30 pm
4:45 pm: Seudah Shlishit: Osman Cen,
President Kurdish Cultural Center of Illinois
Havdallah: 5:48 pm

Sunday, February 2
Shacharit: 9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv: 5:00 pm

Daily Shacharit
Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:15 am

Daily Maariv
Monday through Thursday: 8:00 pm

Mazal Tov!
To Lena Bromberg on being selected as one of the Chicago Jewish Federation 18 under 18 Honorees!

Todah Rabah
Seudah shlishit is sponsored this week by Rachel and Michael Stein in memory of Rachel’s brother Rabbi Yehuda Pinchas Simes, z”l, and by Sherwin and Lynn Ditlove in memory of Sherwin’s brother, Kenneth Ditlove 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

Welcome back to our Yeshivat Maharat Intern Dr. Liz Shayne this Shabbat! 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.
**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](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, January 31 @ 5:30 pm:** Family Friendly Kabbalat Shabbat and dinner. We welcome all who reserved in advance for dinner--registration is now closed. Family Kabbalat Shabbat will take place in the Sanctuary.

**Shabbat, February 1 during Seudah Shlishit @ 4:45 pm:** Come meet our Kurdish Neighbors! Osman Cen, President of Kurdish Cultural Center of Illinois will speak during seudah shlishit.

**Sunday night, February 9 @ 7:30 pm:** Board of Directors Meeting

**Tuesday, February 11, 7-8:30 pm:** Simon Weisenthal Center co-sponsored event with TM Garrett, 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. Friday night dinner is a special Chinese menu catered by Tacos Gingi. Dinner reservations at [https://www.svaj.org/dinner-with-devorah-schoenfeld](https://www.svaj.org/dinner-with-devorah-schoenfeld)

**Sunday, February 23:** Mirele Goldsmith from the Jewish Earth Alliance at 1:30 pm. Event co-sponsored with Kol Sasson, Orot and Hazon.

**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](https://www.svaj.org/broomball-2020)! Adults only.

**Sunday night Seminar Speaker Series - A Deeper Dive,** Beginning in March and featuring scholars in our community

**Tuesday, March 10:** 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-sponsors](https://www.svaj.org/purim-palooza-2020-sponsors) to sponsor!

**Shabbat, March 13-14:** Artist in Residence Jordan Gorfinke. “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 Anna Horwitz, Rachel Stein, Charlene Shore and Debbie Eisenstein for helping out in the office this week while Carin took a well deserved vacation.

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...Josh Feigelson!!

Family Info: married to Natalie Blitt since 2001, three children: Jonah (17), Micah (14), Toby (7)
Hometown: Ann Arbor, Michigan
Favorite Jewish Food: haroset
Something that we don't know about you: I dressed up in Superman underoos on a regular basis in kindergarten
How Long Have You Been at Skokie Valley: 2017 (Kol Sasson since 2013)
The Last Book Read or Movie You’ve Seen: The Two Popes (Netflix)
Latkes or Hamentaschen: Latkes. How is this even a question?
Profession: Rabbi/Jewish educator
Favorite Guilty Pleasure: eating ice cream from the carton (shh... don't tell my kids)
Favorite City in Israel: Rehovot (where my brother and family live)
What foreign country would you like to visit that you haven't been to yet? Costa Rica