Parshat Bo
10 Shevat 5781

Shabbat Shalom

Friday, January 22
7:15 am: Shacharit
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only and via Zoom [https://zoom.us/j/713951311](https://zoom.us/j/713951311) passcode 613

4:43 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat
Indoors for pre-registered members only

Candle lighting: 4:33 pm

Shabbat, January 23
9:00 am: Shacharit
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only

4:30 pm: Mincha/Maariv
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only

Havdala: 5:37 pm
Virtual Havdala: 6:00 pm (new time)
via Zoom [https://zoom.us/j/713951311](https://zoom.us/j/713951311) passcode 613

Daily Shacharit
9:00 am Sunday
7:00 am Monday & Thursday - Tu B'Shvat
7:15 am Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only
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Daily Mincha/Maariv
4:45 pm Sunday to Thursday
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Annual meeting Sunday, January 24 @ 10:00 am via Zoom
If you will not be able to attend the meeting, you may vote by going to: (Full members in good standing only)
[https://www.svaj.org/vote-directors-2021](https://www.svaj.org/vote-directors-2021)

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This Week at Skokie Valley

Sunday @10:00 am: Annual Meeting via Zoom
Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84685523896?pwd=bkFmQWVHSzR2TmRMWG9JVFk4cWhZZz09
Passcode: 613
Call in: +1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 846 8552 3896  Passcode: 613
One tap mobile +13126266799,,84685523896#
If you cannot attend the meeting, you may vote on the slate of officers at https://www.svaj.org/vote-directors-2021 until 10:00 am on January 24, 2021.

Sunday @11:00 am: Celebrate Tu B'Shvat with a family-friendly pickling activity! Join us as Hody Nemes, 4th-year rabbinical student at Yeshivat Chovevei Torah and climate activist, teaches a family-friendly program on the connection between Tu B'Shvat and climate change, and what actions you can take to live more sustainably, including waste-reduction efforts such as lacto-fermentation pickling which will be demonstrated!

Attendees are encouraged to participate in the pickle-making from home. Children are encouraged to attend! Go to www.asbi.org/event/pickle-time-higiya for list of possible ingredients and Zoom link!

Motzei Shabbat, January 23
6:00 pm: Virtual Havdalah! https://zoom.us/j/713951311 passcode: 613 Note new time!

Sunday, January 24
8:30 am: Halacha in our Lives with Rav Ari. https://zoom.us/j/713951311 passcode 613

Tuesday, January 26
2:00 pm: The Book of Genesis with Rav Ari: https://zoom.us/j/713951311 passcode 613

Thursday, January 28
11:15 am: Mid-Day Break for Breath and Well-Being with Bobbie Winter: Have grey skies and escalating Covid reports got you down? Have you gone through your "to do" list and watched all the videos you care to see? Is it harder to motivate yourself for daily tasks? Then Skokie Valley has what you need: a mid-day break with a nice cup of coffee or tea and a mood-elevating 45 minutes with friendly people, along with guided breathing and relaxation to help you through the rest of the day. The group is looking forward to welcoming you.
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86100712972?pwd=STlpNWVnZG42S0ZFYTB3dmdyUHZRZz09 Passcode 613 Meeting ID: 861 0071 2972 One tap mobile +13126266799,,86100712972#

12:00 pm: Stop giving yourself back pain! Zoom in with Jen Cohen, a Physical Therapist specializing in orthopedics. Learn how to take care of your body while working from home. We will do useful stretches and mobility exercises right from your desk. This will help you stay healthy and prevent injuries while working from your home office/dining room table/tv tray in the playroom.
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87537313419?pwd=SHBQQzIwbzYzSjArNkFBUUowSGd6Zz09 Passcode: 613

8:00 pm: Parsha Shiur with Rabbinical Intern Yael Keller:
Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87392335225?pwd=T21mZG9wcVI0cTBRWThiSTBEM0FIZz09 Passcode: 613
One tap mobile +13126266799,,87392335225#  Meeting ID: 873 9233 5225
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.

**Community Use of Social Hall**

After consultation with our medical committee, we have created a plan to make the social hall space available beyond tefillah. We are pleased to announce that members of the Skokie Valley community will now be able to register for private, **individual household** activities that strictly follow safety guidelines in the social hall at appointed times. [Click here for more information and sign up form](#). Please note that two households may now sign up for a time slot together. Each household must sign the [waiver](#).
Melton at Skokie Valley: Registration extended! Now that you've had a "Taste of Melton" come back for the full course! To register for the 10 session course with Rabbi Moshe Simkovich, go to https://www.events.org/eReg.aspx?e=135772

The recording for Rabbi Simkovich’s class on 1/11 can be found at https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/gsZvhQ6w7aBWNN9RTSsQYl2SczH-v1Bv9paBCXWjqTZHueEBpH0RGPM7y6A1umO1_A09K_49jAlrj6cuH Passcode: j9Tt#^k

Know someone who recently moved to Skokie who might be a good fit for our shul? Make sure to let the membership committee know! Please email Brian Altgold brianaltgold@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.

It’s easy to support Skokie Valley while shopping on Amazon! 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
**Inyanei d’Yoma: Torah of Today:** Welcome! We’re excited for you to join us and Yeshivot Chovevei Torah for their upcoming Winter Learning Series, taking place at the following times:
- Monday, February 8, 8pm Eastern (7pm Central, 6pm Mountain, 5pm Pacific)
- Sunday, February 14, 12pm Eastern (11am Central, 10am Mountain, 9am Pacific)
- Sunday, February 21, 8pm Eastern (7pm Central, 6pm Mountain, 5pm Pacific)
- Sunday, February 28, 8pm Eastern (7pm Central, 6pm Mountain, 5pm Pacific)
For more information and registration, go to tiny.cc/yctorah

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**COVID-19 Vaccine Pre-Registration Open for Skokie Residents**
All Skokie residents age 18 and over, and healthcare workers employed at a Skokie healthcare provider, are invited to pre-register to receive a future notification from the Village's Health and Human Services Department when they qualify to make a COVID-19 vaccination appointment. The Village is following the guidelines of the Illinois Department of Public Health and will be providing free vaccinations in a multi-phased approach. For more information on these phases, click here. The Village will move to new phases as sufficient doses of the COVID-19 vaccine become available. Proof of Skokie residency and/or if applicable employment at a Skokie healthcare provider will be required to receive a vaccine. Each household member age 18 and over must complete this survey. Click here to access the COVID-19 Vaccination Pre-Registration site.

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**Notification Sign Up**
Sign up for COVID-19 Alerts when new information is posted on the website and be sure to also subscribe to SkokieNews for email advisories.
Virtual Blood Drive! January 1 - 31
In times when we can’t be together in person, we can still be together in support of our community. In partnership with Kol Sasson, we’re hosting a virtual blood drive after having to cancel our in-person drives due to COVID-19. Sign up to donate blood as part of our virtual blood drive; you’ll get an email invitation to find a convenient donation site and pick your appointment!
Because of you, life doesn’t stop. Join us today:
https://learn.vitalant.org/LP=148?utm_campaign=&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&utm_content=&drive_code=SK30&division=NORTHEAST&region=CHI&elqTrackId=eddc87ebe9684fcb084f9f2e5a0ec15&elq=d5659a972754322a29401e6e067451c&elqaid=4277&elq=1&elqCampaignId=8&fbclid=IwAR2VaGHyvN4fXicJjbX4ecOtgQc9hPSyLC2Zl2h508hdo%3D

Know a child in D219? See this important message about the excellent Hebrew program
As some of you may be aware – Hebrew has been offered as a foreign language class over the last few decades at Niles North High School (with accommodations for Niles West students who want to take it as well). This is one of the top Hebrew programs in the North Shore. Students who take the full four year program can be eligible for inclusion in Hebrew Honor Society as well as AP level credits. Until the Covid impact, this is the only Hebrew program that offers a student exchange program with a school in Karmiel Israel.

The evolution of the Jewish community in the greater Niles Township has resulted in fluctuations in enrollment in the Hebrew program, putting the program at risk.

Registration for the upcoming school years occurs in the Jan-Feb time frame. Incoming Freshmen will be registering for classes the first week of February. That is the time for students to let their counselors know that Hebrew is their foreign language of choice. The student numbers are tallied up for each level during the March time frame, and classes that don’t have enough student interest are put on the cut list that is approved at a board meeting in the April time frame.

If you have or know an incoming Freshman, talk to them about registering for this class next month. If you know or have a transfer student moving to Niles North or Niles West, urge them to consider signing up for this class. If the student you know or have is coming from a day school, they can contact Ms. Raiber annrai@d219.org in order to discuss placement at the correct level, to help them build on the skills and knowledge they already have. Let’s do what we can now to keep Hebrew alive at District 219.

We are excited to invite you to join HADRAN for a FREE new course: Seder Night Sugiyot—Basic Gemara Tools with Rabbanit Michelle Farber, Founder of Hadran and Daf Yomi for Women. January 11- March 15: Mondays at 12:30 pm.
A ten-week course for women in which we will learn sugiyot about the Seder night and build basic Talmud learning skills. Register now! (from a computer if available) https://hadran.org.il/courses/courses/basic-gemara-tools-part-1/
You can contact us at info@hadran.org.il
A parallel course in Hebrew will be taught by Hanna Godinger (Dreyfuss), Rosh Yeshivat Drisha (a collaboration between Hadran and Yeshivat Drisha)To register for the Hebrew course: https://hadran.org.il/courses/he/courses/seder-besugiyot-erkat-kelim-lelimud-gemara/

Women inPower: A Global Community of Rising Leaders
JCC Chicago is proud to launch the 2021 Women inPower cohort, a 9-month fellowship pairing local business leader mentors with ambitious women looking to advance their own professional career and pursue senior leadership positions. Women inPower is fueled by an impressive group of Mentors and Steering Committee members, including Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot, Honorary Co-Chair of the Women inPower Steering Committee. Application deadline March 5th.
For more information and to apply, please click here: Women in Power.
Community Counter would like to share a message from your Rabbis, doctors, and neighbors. Please take the time to watch it in full. Please also share this video far and wide—and encourage others to take the time to watch it, as well. Together, we can save lives. [https://youtu.be/LnVGzyQ_PGM](https://youtu.be/LnVGzyQ_PGM)

We’re here to help! Community Counter ([communitycounter.org](http://communitycounter.org)) is a comprehensive Covid-19 resource for our Orthodox community. CC has an extensive list of testing resources and can assist if you have tested positive and would like support with meals, counseling, plasma trials or finding solid medical and public health guidance. You can help keep our community safer by completing a short survey (anonymously, if you prefer) for contact tracing. Please consider making a donation at [https://www.communitycounter.org/donate](https://www.communitycounter.org/donate). Endorsed by local Rabbanim, doctors and several public health depts. Questions? Call or text 847-986-0635, or email [info@communitycounter.org](mailto:info@communitycounter.org). Thank you for partnering with us in protecting our community!