

SKOKIE VALLEY

Welcomes you!



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Shabbat Mevarchim Parshat Chayei Sara 25 Cheshvan 5780

Shabbat Shalom!
Welcome Dr. Liz Shayne
of Yeshivat Maharat!

Friday, November 22

Shacharit: 7:15 am
Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Maariv: 4:15 pm
Candle lighting: 4:05 pm

Shabbat November 23

Shacharit: 9:00 am
Guest Drasha by Dr. Liz Shayne:
Send Me a Sign...or Maybe Don't
Mincha/Maariv: 4:00 pm
Havdallah: 5:06 pm

Sunday, November 24

Shacharit: 9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv: 4:15 pm

Thursday, November 28: Thanksgiving

Shacharit: 9:00 am
Mincha: 1:00 pm
Maariv: 8:00pm

Daily Shacharit

Monday 7:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 7:15 am

Daily Maariv

Monday through Thursday: 8:00 pm

Mazal Tov!

Mazel Tov to:

Selma Feder on her big birthday!

Laura Rabinowicz and Bob Goodman and family on the upcoming marriage of their daughter Ariel Goodman to Isaac Katz.

Todah Rabah

Kiddush is sponsored this week by **Margalit Tocher** in honor of Julian's 13th birthday. Thank you also to **Laura Magid-Aloni & Kuti Aloni** for enhancing kiddush this week with candy in honor of Matan's first birthday.

Seudah shlishit is sponsored this Shabbat by **Michael and Batya Gilbert-Koplow** on the yahrzeit of Michael's mother, Dorothy Koplow.

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!

Skokie Valley is deeply committed to the mitzvah of Hachnasat Orchim (Hospitality). Every Shabbat, members of our community open their homes, providing accommodations, Friday night meals, and Shabbat lunches for visitors. We have created a Hospitality Request form under "Contacts" on our website where people can submit requests for hospitality. **If you would like to host visitors, please contact Nina Black at hospitality@svaj.org and she will put you on her list of possible hosts.**

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

Shabbat December 6-7: Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Samantha Baskind

Dr. Baskind is a Professor of Art History and well-known author whose research focuses on Jewish American Art.

Friday, December 6th: Oneg Shabbat @ 8 pm: "The Warsaw Ghetto in American Art and Culture"

Shabbat morning drasha after Musaf: Understanding Art Spiegelman's *Maus*

Motzei Shabbat Program at 7:30 pm: Silent Auction of donated artwork and Judaica, catered reception.

8:00 pm: Presentation: "What is Jewish Art? Controversy and Confusion"

RSVP for reception at <https://www.svaj.org/baskind-reception>

For more information, or to donate artwork or Judaica, contact Sara Berkowicz at kiddo323@hotmail.com or Elliot Raff at elliotraff@gmail.com or call the office.

Sunday December 8 @ 7:30 pm: Jewish Ethics and Maternal Health: Myth and Facts. Join Rabbi Marianne Novak, Eve Kleinerman of Sharsheret, and Daphne Lazar-Price of JOFA for a conversation on reproductive choice, halakha, and Jewish values and the implications for women's health. Contact dani@jofa.org with any questions.

Tuesday, December 24 @ 4:30 pm: Save the date for the Annual Miriam Bromberg z"l Cookie Bake. Cookie decorating, crafts for kids, packing bracha bags for the homeless, winter coat/gear collection for refugees, pizza and snacks and optional cookie delivery to first responders!

Sunday, December 29 @ 8 pm: Chanukah Gathering. Holiday themed music, food and beverages will be offered intermixed with Divrei Torah and other Chanukah activities for adults.

This Week's Classes at Skokie Valley - November 22-29

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 @ 10:00am: New Class! BYOK (Bring Your Own Kid) 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 beginning with Hilchot Deot of the Rambam.



Higher education: It's what made it possible for our people to enter this country as poor immigrants and become successful and productive members of society. In recognition of the power of education, gratitude for the opportunities we have been afforded in America, and in line with our mission to positively impact the broader community, we are proud to be offering a scholarship for a first generation, immigrant college student this year. The recipient of the award is **Ioney Clark**, an ETHS graduate who plans to attend the

University of Illinois. Several members of the community and beyond have already stepped up to contribute. If you'd like to contribute, please send a check of any amount to the shul payable to **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund with the word "Scholarship" in the notation line.** Skokie Valley will present the award to Ioney after Shabbat services on November 30, so if you'd like to contribute, please do so before then.

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

Many thanks to Mariane Novak and Noam Stadlan for bringing Shoshana Keats-Jaskoll of Chochmat Nashim to Skokie Valley. For more information go to <https://www.chochmatnashim.org/>

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 yet (and you're comfortable doing so), please email the office at office@svaj.org!

Get to Know....Herb & Beverly Feldman!

Hometown: Chicago. Both grew up on the Old West Side. They graduated from Marshall High School, and later Beverly taught US History at Marshall for 38 years. Herb taught at Von Humboldt and then Waters School in Humboldt Park -- mostly fifth grade. Herb was the editor of the school newspapers, *The Von Humboldt Chronicle* and *The Waters Splash*.

Favorite Jewish Food: Chicken soup! Herb: with noodles Beverly: with matzoh balls, the fluffier the better.

Something that we don't know about you: Herb: taught tennis lessons at the Chicago and Skokie Park Districts for many years. He was an avid tennis player, and has numerous trophies to show for it. Beverly: volunteered in the Israel Defense Forces one summer in the 1980s; her jobs were cleaning and oiling M-16 rifles and cleaning tanks.

Favorite movie: Herb: *West Side Story*

Favorite book: Beverly: Anything historical, especially US history.

Guilty Pleasure: ICE CREAM! Chocolate for Herb, Neopolitan for Beverly

What foreign country would you like to visit that you haven't been to yet? Herb: Japan, Beverly: Russia.



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

Calling all Skokie Valley and Kol Sasson Teens!

This Shabbat following davening, come hang out in the teen lounge for a special kiddush to share your ideas and hopes for teen programming for the rest of the year. In addition to some delicious food, this is your chance to have your voice heard in creating and shaping the calendar for the year to come.

Tot Shabbat! Meets in Berger Beit Midrash from 10:30-11:15 am 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 must be in groups or in shul with you. If children are found wandering the building, they will be brought directly to you. We are asking for your partnership to help keep our children safe and the shul environment peaceful. Thank you! 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 at 9:15 am. To keep our rooms safe and clean, please do not bring lollipops or sticky candy into groups.

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

Sunday December 8, 1-2 pm @ Skokie Valley: Keshet Lauren Rosenblatt Memorial Concert. Bring the whole family to sing and tap along to Hanukkah, Jewish and pop music with Todd Kessler. Sensory friendly event. Tickets are \$18/family. Sponsorships welcome. Please make reservations in advance; seating is limited. <https://keshet.org/events/concertforlauren/>

December 23-30: School's Out programs run by JCC Chicago at Skokie Valley during weekdays when school is not in session. School's Out provides an enriching environment for children in grades K-5 when school is closed. Professional staff balances specialized activities with opportunities for independent play. Go to <https://www.jccchicago.org/programs/schools-out/> for more information. **Skokie Valley members are eligible for a special discounted rate -- you must call 844.452.2244 to register to receive the special rate.**

Tuesday, December 10 @ 6:30 pm at Skokie Valley: Pre-Chanukah Fun Auction benefiting Chicago Chesed Fund, sponsored by Shlomo & Miriam Latinik. For more information, text or call Tzippy Blisko at 718-594-5202. Flyers are in the rack outside the sanctuary.

Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 16 & 17, 7 pm: Chicago Women Charity Players is back with *Les Miserables*, a CWCP adaptation benefiting the Sharlene Levinson Bikur Cholim, Chicago. See our talented Skokie Valley members **Corinne Engelhart and Malka Simkovich** perform! **Sarah Eisenstein, Debbie and Dan's daughter** is also in the show! Performances are at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd. General admission tickets available for purchase now at Magenta Boutique, 3764 Devon, Lincolnwood. Sponsorships & advertising opportunities available. Contact cwctickets@gmail.com or call 773-465-6576. **Women & girls only.**



Dr. Samantha Baskind

Dr. Samantha Baskind, Professor of Art History at Cleveland State University, is the author of five books, most recently *The Warsaw Ghetto in American Art and Culture* (2018). She is also editor of *The Jewish Graphic Novel: Critical Approaches* (2008), the foundational volume in the field.

Dr. Baskind has published over 100 articles and reviews in encyclopedias, academic journals, museum catalogues, and the popular press. She served as editor for U.S. art for the 22-volume revised edition of the *Encyclopaedia Judaica* and is currently series editor of *Dimyonot: Jews and the Cultural Imagination*, published by Penn State University Press.

Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob
Presents
Aspects of Jewish Art History by
Dr. Samantha Baskind

Friday, Dec. 6th Oneg Shabbat • 8:00^{PM}
The Warsaw Ghetto in American Art and Culture
Dr. Baskind explores representations of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising in fine art, film, television, fiction, comics and other media from 1943 to the present day.

Shabbat Morning Drasha after Musaf
Understanding Art Spiegelman's *Maus*
We will discuss this seminal memoir by the son of Holocaust survivors for its powerful story and imagery, which revolutionized representations of the Holocaust.

Motzei Shabbat Program
7:30^{PM} Silent auction of donated artwork and Judaica, and catered reception with appetizers, desserts, and adult beverages.
Cost: \$18, which will be applied to any art purchases.

8:00^{PM} **What Is Jewish Art? Controversy and Confusion**
From early synagogue decorations to American abstraction, what defines "Jewish" art? We will look at works of art as case studies and discuss the work of artists from Rembrandt to Rothko.
Lecture is free.

For reception, please RSVP by December 4th to: svaj.org/baskind-reception
All proceeds from the silent auction will go to Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob.

For more information and to join the Event Committee, contact Sara Berkowicz or Elliot Raff: office@svaj.org • 847.674.3473

WHAT IS JEWISH ART?
Scholar in Residence
&

Silent Auction of Donated Art
Featuring Prof. Samantha Baskind

Topic: "What is Jewish Art?" From early synagogue decorations to American abstraction, what defines "Jewish" art?

Saturday | **7:30 pm** | **Skokie Valley**
Dec. 7 | | **Synagogue**

Catered reception with appetizers, desserts, and adult beverages - \$18/person (will be credited to art purchase).

Please RSVP at svaj.org/baskind-reception
by December 4.
Open to the community

Seeking donations of Art and Judaica

Contact Sara Berkowicz (kiddo323@hotmail.com) or Elliot Raff (elliotraff@gmail.com) for more info and to join the committee