

SKOKIE VALLEY

Welcomes you!



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Shabbat Mevarchim Parshat Chayei Sara 27 Cheshvan 5781

Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, November 13

7:15 am: Shacharit

Indoors *for pre-registered members only*
and via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/713951311>
passcode 613

4:21 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat

Indoors *for pre-registered members only*

Candle lighting: 4:11 pm

Shabbat, November 14

9:00 am: Shacharit

Indoors *for pre-registered members only*

4:05 pm: Mincha/Maariv

Indoors *for pre-registered members only*

Havdala: 5:12 pm

Daily Shacharit

9:00 am Sunday

7:00 am Monday & Thursday

7:15 am Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

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Daily Mincha/Maariv

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Mazal tov!

Mazal tov to **Ayelet Klein**, her parents **Debri & Doug Klein** and family on her Bat Mitzvah!

Mazal tov to **Stephanie Magid & Yaakov Rothstein** on the birth of a baby boy, and to grandparents **Sherry & Phil Magid** and to aunt and uncle **Laura Magid-Aloni, Kuti Aloni and cousins!**

Yahrzeits:

27 Cheshvan/Nov 14 *Dorothy Koplow z"l* (Michael Gilbert-Koplow)

28 Cheshvan/Nov 15 *Fanny Auslander z"l* (Gary Auslander)

29 Cheshvan/Nov 16 *Dorothy Shore z"l* (Charlene Shore)

29 Cheshvan/Nov 16 *Max Mickey Zolt z"l* (Ruby Masters)

30 Cheshvan/Observed on Nov 16 *Ira Bulmash z"l* (Florence Bulmash)

29 Cheshvan/Nov 16 *Arvin Finkelman z"l* (Florence Rosenblum)

1 Kislev/Nov 17 *Irma Fleischacker z"l* (Samuel Fleischacker)

1 Kislev/Nov 17 *Ara Kuritskaya z"l* (Rita Utschen)

3 Kislev/Nov 19 *Augusta Horwitz z"l* (Muriel Finkel)

3 Kislev/Nov 19 *Morris Bender z"l* (Phyllis Goldenberg)

3 Kislev/Nov 19 *Samuel Smolin z"l* (Harlan Smolin)

3 Kislev /Nov 19 *Susan Schuster z"l* (Tammy Pretekin)



New! Virtual Havdala!
Saturday nights @5:30 pm
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Skokie Valley Shevatim- Deadline Friday 11/13!

We are excited to announce a new initiative - Skokie Valley Shevatim! In the Torah, the bridge between the family and the nation was the Shevet - the tribe. A Shevet is a way for people to reach out beyond their immediate circle while still feeling the warmth and connection of a small group.

As our community and the need for connection grows, our goal with Shevatim is to strengthen our communal fabric by creating intergenerational sub-communities within Skokie Valley. In addition, as we head into what might be a hard winter, we hope that the Shevatim will provide extra support for members who might be otherwise isolated.

Each Shevet will contain 4-6 households, and have one Shevet leader on a rotating basis. Each Shevet will have a "good shabbos!" weekly connection point, via whatsapp, call, zoom, text, or email, depending on the technology comfort and preferences of the group. In addition, we will suggest ideas for a monthly relational program - programs to help people get to know each other, including but not limited to -- a group walk if weather permits, a zoom game, and more.

If your household elects to join a Shevet, your responsibilities will be to actively participate in the activities of your Shevet. Shevet leaders will be responsible for facilitating the gatherings and for a quarterly Quarterly leader meeting with other Shevet leadership and Rav Ari.

This program will grow and change based on the ideas and needs of each Shevet. We will look forward to developing ideas and the unique cultures of the Shevatim as the initiative develops over time.

To join, [please fill out this form](#) and we will be in touch with you soon. **Deadline is Friday 11/13!**

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, household or small group activities that strictly follow safety guidelines in the social hall at appointed times. [Click here for more information and sign up form.](#)

This Week's Programs

Sunday, November 15:

8:30 am: Halacha in our Lives: Halacha comes from the word "to walk," and its central purpose is to help us walk with God. Each Sunday morning at 8:30, Rav Ari will give a 30-minute shiur on practical halacha, with an eye towards increasing spiritual awareness in our daily living. Fill out **this form** or email Rav Ari ravari@svaj.org with halachic questions you'd like to be discussed. Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/713951311> **Passcode: 613**

Monday, November 16

7:30 pm: Keep Calm and Prepare an Advance Directive: Join Michale Wacks for a presentation which will guide you through the advance directive and prepare you to have clarifying conversations with your loved ones regarding your desires. We will review care choices and discuss how to select an appropriate agent. **RSVP is necessary - email office@svaj.org or call 847-674-3473.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82866418356?pwd=Q2pFeTlvNERkZm0yQVI0U1dnci9xQT09>

Passcode: 613

Meeting ID: 828 6641 8356 One tap mobile +13126266799,,82866418356#

Tuesday, November 17

2:00 pm: The Book of Genesis with Rav Ari! Join us for a deep study of the Book of Genesis with Rav Ari, with selected midrashim and commentators. <https://zoom.us/j/713951311> **Passcode: 613**

Thursday, November 19

11:15 am: Mid-Day Break for Breath and Well-Being with Bobbie Winter: Join social worker Bobbie Winter for a midday break, taking inventory of your well-being while engaging in breathing and relaxation exercises to enhance and promote continued good health. A supportive atmosphere with compatible people can help reduce the stress of the on-going pandemic and common issues we're all facing. Looking forward to welcoming you to the group!

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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=SHBQZiIwbzYzSjArNkFBUUowSGd6Zz09>

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8:00 pm: New class! Parsha Shiur by Rabbinic Intern Yael Keller. Get an early look at the parsha each week. Join Yael Keller to explore themes and delve into the characters of sefer Bereshit.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87392335225?pwd=T21mZG9wcVI0cTBRWThiSTBEM0FIZz09>

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Save the date! Monday, November 23 @ 7:30 pm: Bake Babka with Leah! Recipe and zoom link will be available soon!



Play an instrument? Join us at our open jam! Up to 10 people are welcome to play at our masked, socially distant musical jam. Unfortunately at this time we are

limited to non-breath instruments (no wind, brass, vocals etc). Contact ravari@svaj.org for more info.



Click to visit [Skokie Valley's YouTube Channel](#) for all videos, including Rav Ari's video drashot.



KEEP CALM AND PREPARE AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE

JOIN MICHALE WACKS FOR A PRESENTATION WHICH WILL GUIDE YOU THROUGH THE ADVANCE DIRECTIVE AND PREPARE YOU TO HAVE CLARIFYING CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUR LOVED ONES REGARDING YOUR DESIRES. WE WILL REVIEW CARE CHOICES AND DISCUSS HOW TO SELECT AN APPROPRIATE AGENT.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 7:30 pm.
RSVP to office@svaj.org
ZOOM LINK AND FORM WILL BE SENT IN AN EMAIL ON 11/16

Michale Wacks has trained and worked as a hospital and hospice chaplain for the past ten years. Previously, she taught history to high school and Adult Ed students, and worked as a registrar and transfer credit evaluator. She has a B.A. in History, and an M.A. in Jewish Studies.



Calling all Skokie Valley bakers!

Join us for Baking with Leah: All About Babka!

Monday, November 23, 7:30pm

Join Leah as we continue our baking series and **learn how to make delicious chocolate babka** from start to finish in about an hour. It's easier than you think! Zoom link to follow.



It's SKIP enrollment time! SKIP stands for Send-a-Kid-to-Israel Partnership, a cooperative program with you, Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob, and the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago. The program provides a way in which families can save toward an educational Israel experience for their children. Each full-member family in good standing who wants to participate contributes \$85 per child annually to an interest-bearing savings account, while Skokie Valley contributes \$85 and JUF contributes \$85. Enrollment begins as early as third grade and as late as sixth grade. Participation continues through the ninth grade. The funds collected (close to \$1800 after seven years of contributions and interest) make a considerable reduction in the expense of a trip to Israel. If your child is already enrolled in SKIP, you will receive a mailing with your child's annual SKIP statement, along with an invoice for this year's contribution.

If you haven't enrolled or paid for your current enrollees, please do so asap!

To enroll your children, please [click here for the application](#) or email the office.

Communal resources:

[Schedule some one on one time with Rav Ari](#)
[Chicago Jewish Community Support](#)
[COVID-19 and Domestic Abuse Resources](#)
[COVID-19 and Child Abuse](#)
[SHALVA COVID-19 Orthodox Outreach](#)

Join our WhatsApp groups!

[Women of Skokie Valley](#)
[Skokie Valley Chessed Corps](#)
[Let's Share Torah](#)
[Minyanaires](#)

Beyond Skokie Valley

Sunday, November 15 @ 5:30 pm CST: Please join PORAT's two-panel program on The Future of Modern Orthodoxy. The first panel will discuss what "success" means in the context of Modern Orthodoxy and consider the challenges associated with Modern Orthodoxy's big tent. The second panel will turn to how the Modern Orthodox community engages with their Judaism and address the evolution of Modern Orthodoxy and what Jewish adults are seeking in terms of their education. Please visit www.poratonline.org/events for free Zoom registration, more information on the speakers, and to join as a partner.

Akiba Schechter Virtual Coffees: Join us for a virtual coffee chat to learn more about the Akiba Schechter Jewish Day School. Teaching Children not Subjects for over 70 years. Akiba provides an excellent Judaic and Secular education to a diverse community of Jewish children from all over Chicagoland. To rsvp, email admissions@asjds.org and we'll send you the zoom link to join. The remaining virtual coffees will be on: **Tuesday, November 10 at 12:30 pm, Tuesday, December 1 at 9 am, Tuesday, December 15 at 12:30pm.** Ask about our bus service from all over the city and the north side! Learn more at akibaschechter.org. We can also schedule personal zoom tours and conversations upon request. Email admissions@asjds.org.



We're here to help! Community Counter (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>. Endorsed by local Rabbanim, doctors and several public health depts. Together, we can save lives!
Questions? Call or text 847-986-0635, or email info@communitycounter.org. Thank you for partnering with us in protecting our community!