

# SKOKIE VALLEY

*Welcomes you!*



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## Shabbat Hazon Parshat Devarim 4 Av 5780

### Shabbat Shalom!

#### Friday, July 24

7:30 am: Shacharit

<https://zoom.us/j/713951311>

6:00 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat online  
featuring Yoni Eisenstein

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6:45 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat  
Tefillah in Social Hall with kaddishes,  
for pre-registered members only.  
Candle lighting: 7:57 pm

#### Shabbat July 25

9:00 am: *For pre-registered members only*

Mincha: 7:55 pm

Havdallah: 8:59 pm

#### Daily Shacharit

9:00 am Sunday

7:30 am Monday through Friday

*For pre-registered members only* and via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/713951311>

#### Daily Mincha/Maariv

8:05 pm: *For pre-registered members only* and  
via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/713951311>

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### Welcome New Members!

Chellie & Yankee Wilensky

Jean & Stephen Comar

### Mazal Tov!

Mazal tov to Tammi & Bill Finestone on the  
engagement of their son Aaron to Aryn  
Sanderson.

Mazal tov to Lynn & Sherwin Ditlove on their 50th  
wedding anniversary.

### Baruch Dayan HaEmet

Our sincere condolences to Myra "Cookie"  
Orloff-Goldrich and family on the passing of her son  
Mark Orloff, R' Mordechai Yehoshua Ben Aryeh Moshe  
z"l.

### Yahrzeits:

4 Av/July 25 Samuel Holman z"l (Darrell Holman)

8 Av/July 29 Edith Medow z"l (Grace Weinstein)

Access up-to-date information about  
reopening, indoor tefillot, future outdoor  
activities, etc. by going to our [COVID-19  
Resource page](#) on [svaj.org](http://svaj.org).

Download our new mobile app, with links to our  
calendar and our virtual offerings:  
<https://www.svaj.org/getapp>

See instructions below for registering  
for indoor tefillot.

It's time to renew your membership! Go to <https://www.svaj.org/membership-renewal> and  
renew today!

Welcome to Rose Blumstein, who will be assisting Carin part-time to help with some administrative office tasks! Please note that the office is still closed, but as always, you can reach us by phone or email.

## Tefillot Registration

We are excited to be moving back indoors for weekday and Shabbat tefillot. Before registering, you must read our safety protocols [here](#). Each participant must be a member and pre-registered.

For those who wish to participate, there are two steps you must take:

**Step 1: Register for tefillah participation at Skokie Valley.** We ask that those who registered for outdoor tefillah register again as we have updated the guidelines for indoor tefillah.

[Click here for tefillah registration.](#) If you need help registering, please call the office 847-674-3473.

**Step 2: Sign up for specific tefillot.** You will receive a link to the sign up form when you complete your registration in step 1.

**Stay connected on Zoom! If you have a computer, it is easy to join these classes! Classes also appear on the home page of [svaj.org](http://svaj.org)--just click on the name of each class for the link to join!**

### Shabbat July 25:

**9:30 am, 10:30 am: Tot Shabbat in the Park!** Join us as we safely meet outdoors with Tot Shabbat in the Park! Meet at Timber Ridge Park. Bring your own blanket/chairs and snacks. **Pre-registration required!**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10WGaVg1uwMQqj47mFDexAckX3401JfM3snu\\_xmbbcdY/e/dit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10WGaVg1uwMQqj47mFDexAckX3401JfM3snu_xmbbcdY/e/dit#gid=0)

### Sunday, July 26:

**8:30 am: New Class! The Halachot of Daily Life:** 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](mailto:ravari@svaj.org) with halachic questions you'd like to be discussed.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeAIpeSJxtSP4UaqMxwg\\_8M8iJVFXTLcu9NkjUrQXq8F8f1Kg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeAIpeSJxtSP4UaqMxwg_8M8iJVFXTLcu9NkjUrQXq8F8f1Kg/viewform)

**4:00 pm: Sunday Funday - Family Yoga!** Gilson Park, Wilmette. Bring a yoga mat and towel for each family member. RSVP required: <https://www.svaj.org/family-yoga>

**7:00 pm: Idolatry & Identity.** Join us as the series continues with Dr. Sam Fleischacker, who will discuss "What is Idolatry?" **Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89729720967> Password 613**

Meeting ID: 897 2972 0967 One tap mobile 3126266799,,89729720967#

**Download the source sheets for Sunday's lecture by clicking [here](#). Details in flyer below.**

### Monday, July 27

**11:00 am: Join Tamara Kushnir Groman, JD, from CJE SeniorLife as she presents, "A Guide for Emergency Medical Planning".** Coronavirus has many people worried about medical emergencies. Planning can expedite your care, assist loved ones in carrying out your wishes, and smooth your hospital stay and recovery process. This discussion will include topics such as essential items to bring to the hospital and emergency medical forms like Power of Attorney (POA), Living Will, and POLST. The conversation will also advise participants on building their own binder for emergencies. This Zoom session is important for adults of all ages who want to be prepared for potential medical emergencies, especially during this unprecedented time in history. **Zoom link:**

<https://cje.zoom.us/j/98710899314?pwd=STY0c1M4dVRVRnZPYkdyWjBoWWZYdz09>

## **Tuesday, July 28**

**8:00 pm: Changemakers: The Stories and Torah of Making a Difference.** "The Struggle for Soviet Jewry and Beyond: Rabbi Avi Weiss on His Torah of Activism and Love for the Jewish People." Registration required: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSelKz7qRskPEby4ps-5hRRHxOHkZF2wl1DiSU6zhGCL3ztwhA/viewform> You will receive the zoom link when you register. All sessions will also be broadcast live on Facebook.

## **Wednesday July 29:**

**3:00 pm: Dance for Life:** Tune in to this easy to follow Dance for Your Life exercise program. This is a 30 minute dance routine in your chair--safe, fun and gets your whole body moving!

**Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88083912997> Password: 613

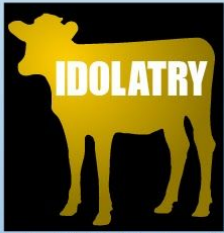
**Our Thursday classes will resume next week**

*Hakarat Hatov* to Alexander Brown for making the replacement carpeting in the front entranceway happen!

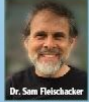
<p><b>Communal resources:</b> <a href="#">Schedule some one on one time with Rav Ari</a> <a href="#">Online Group Check-in</a> <a href="#">Skokie Valley Communal Support--offers and requests</a> <a href="#">Chicago Jewish Community Support</a> <a href="#">COVID-19 and Domestic Abuse Resources</a> <a href="#">COVID-19 and Child Abuse</a> <a href="#">SHALVA COVID-19 Orthodox Outreach</a></p>	<p><b>Join our WhatsApp groups!</b> <a href="#">Women of Skokie Valley</a> <a href="#">Skokie Valley Chessed Corps</a> <a href="#">Madrichim Led Family Activities Group</a> <a href="#">Let's Share Torah</a></p>
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## ***Beyond Skokie Valley***

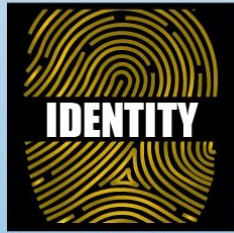
**Sunday, August 2nd, 2020, 11 AM - 1 PM CT: Taste of Limmud:** Do you love great Torah from local presenters? Do you want to get a taste of Limmud from your own home? Join us to learn from local presenters, including Skokie Valley members Jane Shapiro and Malka Simkovich, and build community with others through music and a virtual "lounge." Via Zoom. More information and register at <https://www.limmudchi.org/taste-2020.html>



**July 12, 19, 26 • Aug. 2**



**Dr. Sam Fleischacker**  
Why is idolatry such a severe sin in Judaism—rather than just an error? Are polytheistic religions all idolatrous, and their followers therefore all condemned by God? Is it a sin that Jews stopped committing in Second Temple times (as the Talmud suggests), or are we still in danger of committing it today? Answers to these questions depend on what we think idolatry is. We'll try to figure that out with the help of texts from the Tanakh, from Maimonides, and from Yeshayahu Leibowitz.



**August 16 & 23**



**Joshua Shanes**  
Since the middle ages, Jews lived in autonomous communities that clearly defined the meaning and obligations of Jewishness. The rise of the modern centralized state in the 19th century, and the impact of Enlightenment and secularization, radically transformed this reality and in response, Jews reconstructed their identities. These classes will compare and contrast the rise of new religious denominations in Western Europe—particularly Orthodoxy—with competing denominations of Eastern Europe, above all Zionism.



**July 12, 19, 26 • Aug. 16, 23 • 7pm**

All classes will be over Zoom. Zoom link and password for all sessions will be sent in Skokie Valley daily emails. More info: 847-674-3473 • office@svaj.org • www.svaj.org

Dr. Sam Fleischacker is LAS Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at the University of Illinois in Chicago (UIC), Director of Jewish Studies there, and founder of UIC's Jewish-Muslim Initiative. He works on moral and political philosophy, and the philosophy of religion and is the author of eight books.

Joshua Shanes (a member of Skokie Valley) is Associate Professor of Jewish Studies, and Director of the Arnold Center for Israel Studies, at the College of Charleston. He has published widely on modern Jewish politics, culture and religion in both academic and popular outlets, and is currently writing a monograph on the history of Orthodoxy.

# What is Idolatry?

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