

SKOKIE VALLEY

Welcomes you!



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Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, July 30

7:00 am: Shacharit

6:30 pm: Mincha Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv

Earliest candle lighting: 6:41 pm

Candle lighting: 7:52 pm

Shabbat, July 31

9:00 am: Shacharit

7:50 pm: Mincha/Maariv

Havdalah: 8:53 pm

Sunday August 1

9:00 am: Shacharit

7:55 pm: Mincha/Maariv

Daily Shacharit

Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:15 am

Daily Mincha/Maariv

Monday through Thursday: 7:55 pm

Tefillot on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/713951311>
passcode 613

Baruch Dayan HaEmet

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Frida Neuman z'l, mother of **Marlene (Larry) Engelhart**. Shiva will be held through Sunday morning at 6049 Monticello, Chicago, at the following times: 10:00am-12pm, 2:00pm-5:00 pm, 7:00pm-9:00pm

Yahrzeits

21 Av/July 30 *Annette Barbara Stolberg z'l* (Sara Berkowicz)

26 Av/Aug 4 *Florence Schvimer z'l* (Jeffrey Schvimer)

27 Av/Aug 5 *Stanley Bloch z'l* (Nathan Bloch)

Have some good news? Please email the Skokie Valley office so we can add to our weekly bulletin and email and share with the community!

Construction is moving along! If you have any belongings in Berger Beit Midrash and/or the coat room, please remove them by August 13 or they will be donated.

Indoor tefillot and synagogue activities at Skokie Valley will now require masking for all participants - vaccinated and non vaccinated. Please refer to the email sent Friday morning for more information. A copy of that letter is attached to this bulletin.

This Week at Skokie Valley

Shabbat, July 31

9:30-11:00 am: Outdoor, in person, drop-off groups for children ages 5-12 will be held in the big tent. [Register here](#) if you have not already registered for groups. All children must complete a one-time registration.

For the safety of all, children must either be in shul or in the tent during services and may not play unsupervised outside the building.

10:30 am: Tot Shabbat in Timber Ridge Park, weather permitting. Bring a blanket and a mask for everyone over 2 who is not vaccinated, and join the growing Tot Shabbat community!

11:15 am to 12:30 pm: Kiddush in the big tent

Sunday, August 1

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Women's Pool Party at Devonshire Pool. Registration ends Friday 7/30.

<https://www.svaj.org/womens-pool-party>

Men's Pool Party on Sunday, 8/8. Registration: <https://www.svaj.org/mens-pool-party>

8:30 pm in Skokie Valley Social Hall: Book Launch with Dr. Ben Zion Katz. Join our member Ben Katz for a discussion of his book *A Student's Companion to The Guide of the Perplexed by Moses Maimonides*. Books will be available for purchase from the author at the event. In person in the Social Hall and on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87952677627?pwd=SUR5UFJOa2FvTmNzbXBhVTkrVmNiZz09> **Passcode 613**

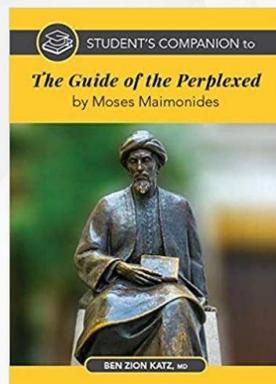
BOOK LAUNCH

Dr. Ben Zion Katz

Sunday, August 1

8:30 pm

Skokie Valley, Social Hall



In this book, the main ideas of Moses Maimonides' famous Guide of the Perplexed are laid out in a non-technical way so that it can then be read by an ambitious beginner or even a sharp high-school student. It also includes outlines of Maimonides' life and the structure of the Guide itself. Finally, the philosophical background needed to follow Maimonides' arguments and a chapter by chapter summary and commentary are provided.

Books will be available for purchase from the author at the event, or you may purchase them from your favorite bookseller.

The event will also be on Zoom - link to be emailed.

Thursday, August 5 @ 11:00 am: Mid-Day break 2.0 with Bobbie Winter

Are you concerned about re-masking and the Delta Covid variant taking centerstage? If you are, then please join Skokie Valley's Thursday 11:00 am mid-day break to connect with others and to relax with breathing exercises and a guided relaxation, enabling you to recharge for the rest of the day. These exercises also help with sleep and with any time you need to recenter yourself, to take a step back and breathe. I look forward to having you join us.

Bobbie Winter is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with 50 years experience in geriatric and medical social work.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86100712972?pwd=STIpNWVnZG42S0ZFYTlB3dmdyUHZRZz09> **Passcode 613**



Watch your inbox for High Holidays information--coming very soon!! Look for information on reserving seats for both our Indoor and Outdoor services, and Family/Traditional options.

Membership Renewal

We invite you to renew your membership for 2021-2022 online. You can also contact the office for assistance at 847-674-3473 or office@svaj.org.

Go to <https://www.svaj.org/membership-renewal> to renew today!

5782 Memorial Book

With the holidays approaching, it's time to submit your listing in the **Memorial Book** now. **In order to ensure that your listing appears in the book, it must be received by August 16.**

Go to <https://www.svaj.org/memorial-book-5782> to submit your listing or contact the office if you need help. You can see last year's listing at <https://www.svaj.org/yizkor-book-5781>

A promotional poster for a 'Pool Party' set against a light blue background with a water ripple pattern. The word 'POOL' is written in large, stylized letters: 'P' is red with a blue outline, 'O's are orange slices, and 'L' is red with a blue outline. Below 'POOL' is the word 'party' in white lowercase letters. The text 'Join your Skokie Valley friends at a' is at the top in red. The location 'Devonshire Pool 4400 Greenwood Street' is in blue. Event times and categories are listed in red: '8/1: 6:00PM - 8:00PM LADIES, MOMS, GIRLS, SAFTAS, BUBBIES, AUNTS, ETC.' and '8/8 6:00PM - 8:00PM MEN, DADS, BOYS, GRANDFATHERS, ZAIDIES, UNCLES, ETC'. At the bottom, it says '\$10 per person includes admission and pizza!' and provides registration links for women and men.

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party

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To register:
Women: <https://www.svaj.org/womens-pool-party>
Men: <https://www.svaj.org/mens-pool-party>

RSVP Women: <https://www.svaj.org/womens-pool-party>

RSVP Men: <https://www.svaj.org/mens-pool-party>

Solu News

Solu Summer Campaign - Love in Action!

Solu's inaugural Ahavat Chinam summer campaign took place over the three weeks between the 17th Tammuz and the 9th of Av, drawing on the seasonal theme of *sinat chinam*, senseless hatred, and emphasizing its opposite, *ahavat chinam*, boundless love. These three weeks yielded many positive and successful programs, as well as the strengthening of key relationships -- within the Orthodox community and in building bridges to diverse communities in the greater Chicagoland area.

Over 300 children and adults engaged in meaningful service work and bridge building — with many returning for subsequent programs. Participants came from Skokie, Rogers Park and Lincolnwood. The Solu public Facebook group has now grown to 115 members (searchable as "[Solu: Make an Impact!](#)" - join now!).

Thank you to all who contributed, volunteered, organized, and recruited for these programs!

Read more about the successes of the campaign here:

<https://medium.com/solusolu/solus-ahavat-chinam-campaign-2e1cf58c8de0>

See Pastor Harris's tour of the Bright Star space:

<https://www.facebook.com/100000813502439/videos/994609874620144/>

Youth Department News

Shabbat @ 9:30-11:00 am: Outdoor, in person, drop-off groups for children ages 5-12 will be held in the tent every Shabbat, barring extreme weather. They will enjoy games and snacks in the tent under the supervision of Rosa Shanes and our madrichim. All children and staff must remain masked for the duration of groups except while eating snacks while socially distanced.

If you have not yet registered for groups, please do so here. All children must complete a one-time registration. In the coming weeks we will expand the programming and duration of groups -- stay tuned!

For the safety of all, children must either be in shul or in the tent during services and may not play unsupervised outside the building.

Security & Safety Upgrades

Exterior doors to the building will remain locked any time there is no security guard present. Access to the building will be available via keycards, keys, office buzzer during business hours and "Minyan Bell" during weekday tefillot. The doors will be locked for Kabbalat Shabbat or Mincha. Keycards may be brought and used for Friday night services before Shabbat begins.

On Shabbat morning, a guard and greeters will be at the main entrance to let people in for Shabbat morning services.

If you would like a key card, please contact the office at 847-674-3473, office@svaj.org

Please contact Matt Marcus at safety@svaj.org to be added to our growing list of volunteer greeters. We need your help! Thanks!



Know someone who recently moved to Skokie who might be interested in our shul? Make sure to let the membership committee know! Please email Ari Berkowicz ariberk@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 and Adult Ed classes.

Beyond Skokie Valley

Mazal Tov to our member, Cindy Pogrund, an honoree at the Israel Cancer Research Board's Ribbon of Hope Virtual Gala on August 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Register or donate at icrfonline.org.

Wednesday, August 11th, 7:00pm-8:00pm: Services for People with Disabilities (SFPD) presents a free Community Education Workshop: Being Your Child's Best Advocate: Special Education Rights for Students After the Pandemic

Attorneys Tracy Hartlieb and Cera Horste will provide an overview of Special Education Rights and explore options for families as they seek to recover from the educational losses caused by the pandemic. Parents, caregivers, professionals, and those interested in learning more about Special Education rights are encouraged to attend. This event is free and open to the public. Continuing education credits are available for QIDP's. Online via Zoom. Registration is required. To register please click on the link:

https://jcfs.formstack.com/forms/childs_best_advocate_after_pandemic or call Kathryn Dougherty at 773-765-3158 to register.

You will receive a Zoom link to participate via email the day prior to the session. For help with registration, and for any accommodations, please contact kathryndougherty@JCFS.org

If you or someone you know is selling a car or SUV (non-smoking, no accidents) please contact Ellyce Glassner at 847-910-8334.

Important Updated Masking Requirement - Staying Safe while Staying Together

Dear Skokie Valley,

Last night, Thursday July 30th, it was reported that Cook County is now seeing "substantial" community transmission of COVID-19, meaning that per CDC and IDPH guidelines, fully vaccinated people should wear masks indoors. Thus indoor tefillot and synagogue activities at Skokie Valley will now require masking for all participants, vaccinated and non vaccinated, for the time being.

This step backwards likely feels disheartening to many of us. With most of our community vaccinated and relatively low transmission rates, the renewed sense of normalcy during the past few months has been a blessing and has lifted our spirits. Let us be strengthened in knowing that the temporary inconvenience of mask-wearing protects our community and makes it possible for all of us, including those who may be at a more elevated risk from COVID-19, to continue to attend shul programming safely.

With the ongoing advice of our Medical Advisory Team, we will continue to evaluate and update our plans as needed to provide safe and meaningful tefillot and gatherings for all.

**Drs. Dan Eisenstein, Avery Hart, Ben Katz, Karen Zimmerman - Medical Advisory Team
Debbie Eisenstein -President
Rav Ari Hart**