Shabbat Mevarchim
Parshat Hachodesh Vayakhel-Pekudei
29 Adar 5781

Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, March 12
7:00 am: Shacharit
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only
and via Zoom https://zoom.us/j/713951311
passcode 613
5:44 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only
Candle lighting: 5:34 pm

Shabbat, March 13
9:00 am: Shacharit
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only
5:30: Mincha/Maariv
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only
Havdala: 6:37 pm
Virtual Havdala: 6:45 pm via Zoom
https://zoom.us/j/713951311
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Daily Shacharit
9:00 am Sunday
7:00 am Monday & Thursday
7:15 am Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
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Daily Mincha/Maariv
6:45 pm Sunday to Thursday
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To register for in-person tefillot:
https://www.svaj.org/form/tefillah-attendance.html

Mazal tov!
Mazal tov to Monica and Rich Magid on the birth of a grandson to their children Beth and Mattan Erder in Israel!

Yahrzeits:
28 Adar/Mar 12 Morris Lasky z”l (Jeanne Weinstein)
1 Nissan/Mar 14 Isadore Barsky z”l (Lorraine Barsky)
3 Nissan/Mar 16 Michael Chez z”l (Eugene & Dorie Chez, Howard Chez)
3 Nissan/Mar 16 James Adler z”l (William Adler)

The Finestone and Cira families are graciously hosting outdoor kiddush-to-go this Shabbat from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at 9044 Kedvale. Masks and social distancing required!

Thank you to our sponsors!
Tammi and Billy Finestone
Mira Hart and Jacob Shapiro
Mark Bromberg
Monica and Rich Magid
Felice Fischer and Ben Katz
Rob Rothstein
Sara and Peter Price

Save the date! Skokie Valley Spring Learning Series will begin on March 23.
Details coming soon.
Passover Information and Resources

Sell your chametz: https://www.svaj.org/form/chametz-sale-form-5781.html Please contact the office if you need a paper form.


Kashering Questions for Rav Ari via Whatsapp: https://chat.whatsapp.com/C6UOoUq70u42culKpEesVA

Halachic Guidelines for what to do when Shabbat Precedes Pesach: https://www.svaj.org/guidelines-for-erev-pesach-on-shabbat

Food Support
This year we are pleased to once again offer subsidized, healthy kosher for Passover food cooked by our member Bryan Gryka, chef/owner of Milt's BBQ, in the Skokie Valley Kitchen. This service is available for Skokie Valley members only at this time. Orders must be placed by Friday, March 19 and pick up will be on Friday, March 26. Order form here

On Thursday night, March 25, we will be kashering and welcoming back the The Pizza Dude! Stay tuned for a link to order delicious, freshly made Kosher Pizza and say farewell to Chametz.

Pesach Learning
Sunday, March 14 @ 7:00 to 8:30 pm Central: YCT Seder Sense: An evening of study. Please see the flyer below for a full schedule of speakers and topics. Click to register

Saturday, March 20 @ 8:00 pm: Shabbat Hagadol Drasha
Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/7139513111 Passcode 613

Sunday, March 21 @ 5 pm: A Seder of Questions: Skokie Valley Teen/Tween Seder for grades 6-12. Teens and Tweens are welcome to attend the one hour social seder where we will delve into the many questions of the Passover Seder. Please register today! RSVP here

Sunday mornings @ 8:30 am: Halacha Shiur - Exploring Mechirat Chametz
Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/7139513111 Passcode 613

Passover Resources from Beyond Skokie Valley
Pesach guides:
- OU Guide
- CRC guide

The following caterers offer complete Seders to go for your convenience:
- Zelda's
- Sarah’s Tent (Hungarian)

If you are in need of a seder to go and also need financial support, please let Rav Ari know.

Programming
March 21 @ 11 am: Family Matzah Making
Children of all ages are invited to an interactive Passover Story Walk and a hands-on matzah baking experience. Kids participate in the Matzah baking process, including mixing the flour and water, rolling, kneading, poking the dough and finally baking their own "Matzah". Details below. RSVP here
This Week at Skokie Valley

Shabbat, March 13
10:30 am: Tot Shabbat in the Park is back! The weather is warming up! Join us for Tot Shabbat this week in Timber Ridge Park at 10:30 am. Tot Shabbat is for kids 0-5. Kids over 5 are welcome to play on the playground. Bring your own blanket/chairs and snacks! Everyone over 2 must wear a mask and social distancing must be maintained. Families that are new to Skokie or Skokie Valley are especially welcome! It has been wonderful to celebrate together with a growing number of families. Join us!

6:45 pm: Virtual Havdalah! https://zoom.us/j/713951311 passcode: 613

Sunday, March 14
8:30 am: Halacha in Our Lives with Rav Ari. 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. Email Rav Ari ravari@svaj.org with halachic questions you’d like to be discussed. https://zoom.us/j/713951311 passcode 613

Tuesday, March 16
2:00 pm: The Book of Genesis with Rav Ari. https://zoom.us/j/713951311 passcode: 613

Thursday, March 18
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: Get an early look at this week's parsha. Join Yael to explore themes and delve into the characters of sefer Shemot. Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87392335225?pwd=T21mZG9wcVI0cTBRWThiSTBEM0FIZz09 Passcode: 613 One tap mobile +13126266799,,87392335225# Meeting ID: 873 9233 5225

Solu News

Pack Health and Hygiene Kits for the homeless with Solu. A few weeks ago, you provided warmth to dozens of people with your donations and actions. To deepen our impact and understanding of homelessness, we are teaming up with the Night Ministry to provide 200 health and hygiene kits to Chicago’s homeless population. You may become involved in 3 ways:

1. **Order:** Order supplies for the Health & Hygiene Kits from the synagogue registry! All orders must be placed by Tuesday, March 16. [Registry link here](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2477806). All items ordered from the registry will be sent directly to Skokie Valley. (For parents: As you order, invite your kids into a conversation about the items on the list. How does each item address the problems of health and dignity for those facing homelessness?) **Please use our Amazon Smile link when you order**, so that we will receive a small portion of what you spend. The prices are the same. [smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2477806](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2477806)

2. **Learn:** Join us for a family-friendly Zoom conversation with Shante Harding of the Night Ministry, “Where does homelessness come from?” Thursday, March 18, 6:30 PM. [Registration link here](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87392335225?pwd=T21mZG9wcVI0cTBRWThiSTBEM0FIZz09)


3. **Assemble: Pack Hygiene Kits for the Night Ministry**, plus a conversation beforehand, “What does homelessness have to do with Yetziat Mitzrayim?” In-person activity for children and caretakers, in the Skokie Valley Social Hall. Sunday, March 21, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Maximum capacity is 50 people total. [Registration link here.](#)

**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. Members of the Skokie Valley community will now be able to register for activities that strictly follow safety guidelines in the social hall at appointed times. **We have opened up 3 slots for use on Shabbat.** [Click here for more information and sign up form](#). **Please note that up to 10 members may now sign up for a time slot together.** Each household must sign the [waiver](#).

**Virtual Gardening Group!** It’s getting close to spring and planting season! If anyone would be interested in a Zoom gardening group, please join us on Sunday March 14 at 1:00 pm! No experience required. Just a group of friends who enjoy gardening. **Click here for Zoom** Passcode 613.

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

**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 Ari Berkowicz ariberk@gmail.com with relevant information and the committee will reach out!**

**JCFS and Skokie Valley**

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 847-745-5421.

**Upcoming JUF programs:**

- **April 9:** Community Recovery Seder, an alcohol-free experiential Seder
- **JVS and JUF Academic Scholarships** for H.S. Seniors negatively impacted by COVID. For more information go to vsscholarship@jvschicago.org. Deadline to apply is March 22.
- **Operation Snowball April 23-25:** An intensive leadership weekend planned by teens for teens. Balanced with activities that are thought-provoking and fun, high school students can make their voices heard about social issues important to them through workshops, dialogue, and artistic expression. For more information go to [https://www.jcfs.org/response/leadership/operation-snowball](https://www.jcfs.org/response/leadership/operation-snowball). Register by April 12.

**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](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2477806)
Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School Presents

SEDER SENSE
An Evening of Pesach Prep for your Mind and Soul

SUNDAY, MARCH 14
8-9:30PM EST

1 8-8:30PM EST
RAVBI YOSOSHER KATZ
Rebbe and Chair, Department of Talmud, YCT Rabbinical School
Sippur Yetziat Mitzrayim—A Night of Story Telling: What is Your Story?

RAVBI DR. JON KELSEN
Dean, YCT Rabbinical School
By Your Blood You Shall Live: Vulnerability, Work, and Grace in Maggid

2 8:30–9PM EST
RAVBI NISSAN ANTINE, '06
Senior Rabbi, Beth Shalom Congregation and Yeshivat Torah, Potomac, MD
The Four Children: Who Really is the Wise One?

HANNAH ZWEIG KELSEN
Faculty, SAR Academy Middle School, Riverdale, NY
Making the Seder Experience Meaningful for Children with Learning Challenges

3 9-9:30PM EST
RAVBI SARA WOLKENFELD
Chief Learning Officer at Sofar and Fellow, Hartman Institute
Korech: The Most Meaningful Sandwich You'll Ever Eat

RAVBI MISHAEL ZION, '11
Senior Faculty, YCT Bet Midrash for Rabbinic Leadership in Israel and Author, A Night to Remember: The Haggadah of Contemporary Voices
Arami Oved Avi: American and Israeli Immigrants Reshape the Haggadah

All sessions will be closed-captioned and include ASL interpretation

REGISTER AT tiny.cc/sedersense
a seder of questions

a seder for teens
grades 6-12

MARCH 21, 2021 | 5:00 PM | ZOOM

COMMUNITY

PASSOVER STORYWALK & MATZAH BAKE
MARCH 21, 2021

11:00 AM
$15/CHILD

KIDS PARTICIPATE IN THE ENTIRE MATZAH BAKING PROCESS, INCLUDING MIXING THE FLOUR AND WATER, ROLLING, KNEADING, AND POKING DOUGH TO BAKE "MATZAH".

EXPLORE THE PASSOVER STORY LIKE NEVER BEFORE! FOLLOW THE STORYWALK AROUND THE PARK AND COLLECT TOKENS AT EACH STOP FOR A FUN TAKE-HOME ACTIVITY.

RSVP REQUIRED: SKOKIECHABAD.ORG/PASSOVER

OUTDOORS
MASKS REQUIRED
1 TABLE PER FAMILY