

SKOKIE VALLEY

Welcomes you!



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Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, September 20

Shacharit: 7:15 am
Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Maariv: 6:30 pm
Candle lighting: 6:32 pm

Shabbat September 21

Shacharit: 9:00 am
Drasha: Saying Without Speaking
Mincha/Maariv: 6:30 pm
Havdallah: 7:33 pm
Musical Selichot: 10:00 pm

Sunday, September 22

Shacharit: 9:00 am
Maariv/Selichot: 8:00 pm

Daily Shacharit

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

Daily Maariv

Monday through Thursday: 8:00 pm

Welcome new member!

Karen Kaplan

Mazal tov!

Mazal tov **Andrea & Jon Weiss and family** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Amiel!

Todah Rabah

Seudah Shlishit is sponsored this week by **David & Barbara Bilow** on the yahrzeit of David's mother, Gertrude; and by **David & Aviva Rubin** on the yahrzeit of David's uncle, David Rubin.

High Holiday Information

The schedule of services, as well as information regarding seats and Yom Kippur appeal donations, can be found on svaj.org at the top of the page under "High Holidays."

Thanks to all those who have responded. If you haven't yet, please complete these forms or call the office today--we are happy to help you! **The deadline for reserving seats is Friday, September 20.**

Board of Directors Nominations

The process for elections for the 2020 SVAJ Board of Directors is getting underway, and we need you! The Nominating Committee will be meeting in September and volunteers are needed to serve on this important Committee. If you are interested, please talk to David Rubin dmrubin@dmrubin.com, Noam Stadlan nstadlan@aol.com, or Debbie Eisenstein president@svaj.org, or call or email the office. If you are interested in being nominated to serve on the 2020 Board of Directors, please let David, Noam or Debbie know as well. Thank you!

Renew Your Membership Today!

It's time to renew your synagogue membership for 2019-2020.

Please go to <https://www.svaj.org/membership-renewal>

Thanks to everyone who has already renewed!

You must renew your membership before reserving your High Holiday seats.

Our Yom Kippur Appeal is well underway. We thank the many members who have already donated and encourage all to participate.

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

High Holiday Classes

Join us for classes that will enhance your understanding and experience during the High Holidays and beyond.

Chassidic Insights into the Holidays: Sunday 9/22 @ 10:00 am in the Social Hall

Tech & Tefillah: Prayer and Devotion in the Digital Age with Rabbanit Sara Wolkenfeld:
Sunday 9/22 @ 7:00 pm

The Akeida: Tuesday 9/24 @ 2:00 pm in Israel Hall

Motzei Shabbat, September 21 @10:00 Musical Selichot. Bring your soul, bring your voice, bring your instrument, bring yourself as we begin the High Holiday journey.

Shabbat, September 28 @9:00 am: Safety Shabbat. Please join us for an important event to learn about safety within our building. During services, we will review our Emergency Plan and building evacuation procedures. Then join us for lunch, when guest speaker Shahna Richman, retired FBI special agent, will discuss security trends and what each of us can do to be prepared to detect and ward off danger. There is no charge for the light dairy lunch which is being sponsored by Skokie Valley and the Men's Club. **Babysitting will be available.**

Sunday morning September 29 @ 10-11 am: Service Day at Skokie Valley! We need your help to set up the social hall for the High Holiday Mechitza Minyan, get the sanctuary ready for the traditional service, pack children's lunches for Rosh Hashanah, and clean up the green room! No need to RSVP, just show up ready to work!

Sunday, October 6: Pre Sukkot decorating party with Keshet

October 19, Chol HaMoed Sukkot Shabbat: Family Sukkah Hop

Monday, October 21 @ 5:30 pm: Simchat Torah Fiesta returns to Skokie Valley! Register at svaj.org/fiesta-dinner or call the office now for early bird pricing!

November 1-2: Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger of Shorashim, a grassroots movement of understanding, nonviolence, and transformation among Israelis and Palestinians will be joining us to share words of Torah and tell us about his journey as a settler in Alon Shvut-Gush Etzion in the biblical inheritance of the tribe of Judah and reaching across the divide to the Palestinian other.

November 8-9: Scholar-in-Residence Sarit Kattan Gribetz. Save the date!

This Week's Classes at Skokie Valley - September 21 to 27

Shabbat @ 12:00 pm: Parashat Hashavuah with Jed Abraham.

Sunday @ 10:00 am: Chassidic Insights into the Holidays with Rav Ari, Social Hall

Monday @ 8:15 pm (right after maariv): Weekly Talmud class with Rabbi Steven Mandel, Masechet Megilla

Tuesday @ 2:00 pm: The Akeida with Rav Ari, Israel Hall

We need you to join our Shiva Support Team! Led by Meira Goldman, team members aid members of our community in a time of great need, coordinating food, supplies, and setting up a home for shiva.

Email meirakatzoff@gmail.com to get involved.

*******From the Ritual Committee*******

Please remember to return your Skokie Valley tallit to the rack in the sanctuary after davening. Thanks for not leaving it in the Social Hall. Todah!

Please help ensure there is a minyan at all weekday Tefillot! We are looking for men to join the "Skokie Valley Minyan" WhatsApp group. Text your full name & "minyanaire" to **Simi Chavel: 732-910-4348** or email sbchavel@gmail.com

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

Child care for High Holidays: All families need to register your children for High Holiday childcare for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Our expert madrichim are busy planning fun and educational games and activities to keep our youngest members active and engaged over the holidays. "bracha bingo", "name-the-exotic-fruit", and the "shofar shuffle" are just some of the silly fun with a serious message that the youth leaders have in store for our children, ages 0 to pre-bar/bat mitzvah. Look out for the upcoming email with registration information.

We need parent volunteers to help with: special activities, games, learning, storytelling, even yoga, music or dance; and with preparing and serving food over High Holidays. Contact Sara Price ssolomonprice@gmail.com or the office to volunteer.

Tot Shabbat! Tot Shabbat is for children between the ages of 0-4 and each child must be accompanied by an adult. For children already in groups, please pick up your child and head upstairs. **We will be meeting on this Shabbat in Berger Beit Midrash from 10:30-11:15 am for songs, tefillah, and fun!**

We need parents to help lead Tot Shabbat! [Click here to sign up!](#)

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

Many thanks to Marvin Becker for his tireless work on high holiday seating and to the entire ritual committee. As in past years, seats in the traditional minyan are assigned and in the mechitza minyan are open, but we need everyone to complete their seating form to ensure that we have adequate set up and accurate counts. Please go to <https://www.svaj.org/high-holiday-seating-5780> or call the office to reserve seats if you haven't already.

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.

Get to knowLinda Forman!!

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 and we'll be happy to help!

Family Info: Children David Forman (married to Miriam Ament) and Rachel Lipson (married to Hillel Lipson) and granddaughter Sarah Lipson, my partner in crime. David and Rachel went to Arie Crown and Ida Crown and their spouses went to Ida Crown as well.

Hometown: Born and raised in Chicago.

Favorite Jewish Food: Chicken soup

Something that we don't know about you: I have done martial arts and kickboxing for almost two decades. Love to break boards with my hand. Also have been on a dog rescue national board.

How Long Have You Been at Skokie Valley: 40+ years.

The Last Book Read or Movie You've Seen: *Cook County ICU*

Latkes or Hamentaschen: I'm not a big fan of either, but lean toward latkes, since I don't like sweets, except for a certain ice cream.

Profession: Certified Public Accountant

Favorite Guilty Pleasure: The Chocolate Shoppe Zanzibar ice cream

Favorite City in Israel: Jerusalem holds my heart.

What foreign country would you like to visit that you haven't been to yet?

Australia



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

November 10 @ 4:00 pm: BJE Chicago presents their annual celebration event Celebration Education Inspiration at the Westin Chicago North Shore. Among the honorees is Skokie Valley's own **Rabbi Marianne Novak**. Register online at bjechicago.org

Maot Chittim: On Sunday, September 22nd, participate in the mitzvah of delivering Rosh Hashanah food packages in conjunction with the Greater Chicagoland Maot Chittim organization. Here is a family friendly option for those who are looking- join a group that delivers to multiple families in 4 different apartment buildings in Chicago. (As usual, donuts will be served!) We will leave Congregation Shaarei Tzedek (2832 West Touhy) at 9:30 a.m. The 4 buildings and approximate times for each are as follows: **1420 W. Farwell 9:35-10:00, 1250 W. Morse 10:05-11:00 (We deliver in the back of the building, but try to find street parking), 1221 W. Sherwin 11:05-11:30, 1435 W. Jarvis 11:35-12:00** Any questions, before or during the deliveries, please call or text Ira Clair @ 773/710-0165. Also, contact Debbie Eisenstein 847-951-0875 - our family has participated with this wonderful group for years.

September 22, 2019, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, at the Ida Crown Jewish Academy. Do you love to Zumba? Join Madraigos Midwest for a morning of Dancing out the Stigma of Mental Health with Frumba Chicago. **In memory of Batsheva Chaya Stadlan ל"ז. Sponsored by Noam Stadlan and Marianne Novak.** Go to <https://madraigosmidwest.org/zumba/> to register.