

SKOKIE VALLEY

Welcomes you!



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Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, September 13

Shacharit: 7:15 am
Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Maariv: 6:30 pm
Candle lighting: 6:44 pm

Shabbat September 14

Shacharit: 9:00 am
Drasha: Calling Balls and Strikes
Youth Lounge Dedication: 5:30 pm
Mincha/Maariv: 6:45 pm
Havdallah: 7:45 pm

Sunday, September 15

Shacharit: 9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv: 6:50 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!

Ruth Gleicher

Mazal tov!

Mazal tov Kayla and David Avraham and big sisters and brother Beatrice, Judah and Moriyah, and to all the grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins on the birth of a baby girl Anabelle Jade בילה חנה last shabbat.

Todah Rabah

Thank you to all those who sponsored Baseball Kiddush this week:

Brian & Michelle Altgold, Michael & Robin Anderson, Kayla Arons & David Avraham, Rick & Marsha Arons, Marvin & Hermine Becker, Sara & Yechiel Berkowicz, Nina Black & Avery Hart, Paula Blumberg, Sherwin & Lynn Ditlove, Bill & Tammi Finestone, Lisa & Allan Goldenberg, Don Karger, Asher and Lydia Karoll, Steven & Rochelle Katz, Kol Sasson Congregation, Debby Koster & Jack Hertz, Philip & Sherry Magid, Noah & Suzanne Mishkin, David & Cindy Pogrund, Peter and Sara Price, Joe & Robyn Reiser, Abe & Florence Rosenblum, David & Aviva Rubin, Joel & Tamara Rubin, David Sklar & Carolyn Reinglass, Noam Stadlan & Marianne Novak, Irene Weiman, Ron Weiner

Seudah Shlishit is sponsored this week by **Marvin & Hermine Becker** on the yahrzeit of Hermine's beloved grandfather, Samuel Turen and beloved uncle Eugene Turen; by **Mark, Lena & Joseph Bromberg** on the yahrzeit of Miriam Bromberg; and by **Myra & Ira Weiss** on the yahrzeit of Ira's grandmother, Tillie Fenchel, Ira's mother, Sylvia Weiss, Myra's grandmother, Goldie Mednikoff, Myra's mother, Helen Siff, and in honor of the 6th anniversary of their children Rabbi Raysh Weiss and Rabbi Jonah Rank, and Myra & Ira's 46th anniversary.

High Holiday Information

The schedule of services, as well as information regarding seats, Memorial Book 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 final deadline for Memorial Book entries is Friday, September 13 and 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.

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: Sundays @ 10:00 am: 9/15, 9/22 in the Social Hall

The Akeida: Tuesdays @ 2:00 pm: 9/17, 9/24 in Israel Hall

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

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

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. **Babysitting will be available.**

Sunday morning September 29 @ 10-11 am. We need your **help to set up the social hall** for the High Holiday Mechitza Minyan. No need to RSVP, just show up ready to work!

Sukkot 2nd day : October 15 - 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: Shorashim, Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger of Alon Shevut will be joining us to share words of Torah and about his journey as a settler in Alon Shvut-Gush Etzion in the biblical inheritance of the tribe of Judah-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 14 to 20

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 will 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: Details are being finalized, but it will include madrichim supervising on both days of Rosh Hashanah, as well as special programs for the children throughout the day. Food will be served. There will also be babysitters for Kol Nidre, and youth madrichim for Yom Kippur day, with food provided. There will be a nominal fee for families taking advantage of this program. Complete details coming soon!

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, many thanks to Team Skokie Valley's MVP Rich Magid, for planning, organizing, shopping and countless other things we don't even know about, to make this year's Baseball Kiddush a grand slam!

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 knowBobbie Berkowitz!



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!

Hometown: Chicago

Something that we don't know about you: My involvement in pro-Israel, Zionist organizations.

How Long Have You Been at Skokie Valley: About 3 years. When our daughter and grandkids were members, we were here for services and programs for years before I joined.

The Last Book Read or Movie You've Seen: Having recently been out of town my airplane/hotel book was "Fax Me a Bagel" by Sharon Kahn. Just before our trip I had finished the 15th, and most recent book, in the Maisie Dobbs series by Jacqueline Winspear.

Latkes or Hamentaschen: Latkes

Profession: Librarian

Favorite Guilty Pleasure: Relaxing by playing Solitaire on my iPad.



*******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

SKOKIE VALLEY AGUDATH JACOB
presents
HIGH HOLIDAY CLASSES

CHASSIDIC INSIGHTS INTO THE HOLIDAYS

The Chassidic masters revealed beautiful, creative, and daring interpretations of what the High Holidays are all about. Come learn how you can understand and experience these Awesome Days in new ways (and learn a new niggun or two).

Sundays at 10:00am, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22 in the Social Hall

THE AKEIDAH

Come join us as we approach what is perhaps the most complex and challenging narrative in the Rosh Hashana liturgy, the Binding of Isaac. Bring your best challenges and prepare to be surprised.

Tuesdays at 2:00pm, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24 in Israel Hall

TECH AND TEFILLAH: PRAYER AND DEVOTION IN THE DIGITAL AGE WITH RABBANIT SARA WOLKENFELD

The digital age has brought the world to our fingertips, and with it a world of distractions follows us wherever we go. We can communicate instantly with friends and family, and hundreds of strangers with greater ease than at any time in human history - but can we get in touch with ourselves and nourish interiority, sincerity, and religious sensibilities? This class will explore the age old challenge of cultivating a robust and vibrant prayer life, through the prism of contemporary challenges and opportunities of digital technology.

Sunday 9/22 at 7:00pm

Special Guest!

