

SKOKIE VALLEY

Welcomes you!



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Parshat Ki Teitzei 9 Elul 5780

Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, August 29

7:30 am: Shacharit *In social hall for pre-registered members only* and via Zoom

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

6:00 pm: **Kabbalat Shabbat** with singing and Torah from Rav Ari

Zoom only

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6:45 pm: **Kabbalat Shabbat**

Tefillah in Social Hall

for pre-registered members only

and also via Zoom:

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Candle lighting: 7:10 pm

Shabbat August 30

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

Mincha: 7:05 pm

Havdallah: 8:11 pm

Daily Shacharit

9:00 am Sunday

7:30 am Monday through Friday

Indoors for pre-registered members only and via Zoom

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Daily Mincha/Maariv

7:15 pm: *Indoors for pre-registered members only* and

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

See instructions below for registering for indoor tefillot.

Yahrzeits:

9 Elul/Aug 29 Gertie Bennett z"l (Robert Bennett)

9 Elul/Aug 29 Irving Bilow z"l (David Bilow)

10 Elul/Aug 30 Miriam Bromberg z"l (Mark, Joseph, and Lena Bromberg)

13 Elul/Sept 2 Sidney Berkowitz z"l (Barry Berkowitz)

13 Elul/Sept 2 Ben Hailpern z"l (Mark Hailpern)

May their memories be a blessing.

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

Download our new mobile app, with links to our calendar and our virtual offerings:

<https://www.svaj.org/getapp>

It's time to renew your membership!

Go to

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

and renew today!

While we are still formulating our plans for High Holiday services, it's time to submit names for the Skokie Valley Annual Memorial Book. Go to [High Holidays](#)

<https://www.svaj.org/hh-5781>

to access the form.

The deadline for submissions is September 6.

Yom Kippur Appeal

As you know, the Yom Kippur Appeal is a vital and necessary part of our synagogue's operating budget that helps to support security, programming, staff salaries, and facility maintenance.

If you are one of the fortunate among us who are in position to give to the Yom Kippur Appeal this year, we ask that you please step up and consider a larger gift this year.

Donate by going to <https://www.svaj.org/yom-kippur-appeal-2020>

Please read the message from President Debbie Eisenstein:

<https://images.shulcloud.com/810/uploads/YKappealletterfinal82020.pdf>

Elul Classes

Sunday mornings 8:30 am: Halacha with Rav Ari. Join our regular learning and discussion of the practice of Halacha and our daily lives, continuing with a focus on the High Holidays. <https://zoom.us/j/713951311>

Daily (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) after Shacharit Shaarei Teshuva - Rabbeinu Yonah. Attack the Rambam? You'd better do teshuva! Join us after communal tefillah for the study of Rabbeinu Yonah's classic work, Sha'arei Teshuvah (Gates of Repentance), written by Yonah of Gerondi to atone for his earlier attacks on Maimonides and to emphasize his repentance. **With Rav Ari.** In person and on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/713951311>

Wednesdays 9/2, 9/9, and 9/16 at 8 pm Weekly Spiritual Reflection with Rabbi Josh Feigelson

As a special part of **The Shofar Project** for the SVAJ community, IJS Executive Director and Skokie Valley member Rabbi Josh Feigelson will lead this weekly hour of learning, reflection, conversation, and meditation.

<https://jewishspirituality.zoom.us/j/91996550296?pwd=L0txVHFnaVd1QVpRTVpCYUZaZkhGZz09>

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Tuesdays, beginning 9/1 @2:00 pm: Scapegoats and Battlehorns - The Roots of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in Tanach. Our Tuesday Tanach learning continues! We'll take a pause from the book of Genesis to explore the roots of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in the Tanach. **With Rav Ari.** <https://zoom.us/j/713951311>

Tuesdays 9/1, 9/8 and 9/15 @ 8:00 pm: High Holidays with the Pachad Yitzchak with Rav Ari. The Pachad Yitzchak was one of the most brilliant and original orthodox thinkers of the 20th century. We'll study some of his most fascinating pieces on the High Holidays together.

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Sunday 9/6 and 13 @ 10:00 am: Magic & Teshuvah: Magical thinking is a psychological term that refers to the idea that we can influence specific outcomes through actions that have no direct bearing on the circumstances. Together we will look at how our tradition views Magical Thinking. As we approach Rosh HaShana, we will explore two possible specific examples of Magical Thinking within Jewish practice. These practices, and magical thinking, can provide us with tools with which to approach these holy, powerful days. This 2-part class will be taught by our incoming rabbinic intern from Yeshivat Maharat, Yael Keller. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86178333023>

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Sunday 9/6 and 9/13 and Thursday 9/24 at 7:00 pm: How to Daven at Home with our member Rabbi Michael Balinsky. What should people do who are unable to attend services for the High Holidays? To be honest, not being able to join with others to sing familiar melodies and experience the holiness of the day in community will be a loss. But the enchanting and commanding power of these days still calls out to us and demands that we respond as best as we are able.

These sessions will review what and how we can pray at home and the genuine challenges that emerge from it. We will consider strategies to make these days meaningful even in a time of social isolation. Participants' input and ideas will be a valuable asset. Please have a Machzor you can use during the sessions.

Download this Rosh Hashanah Tefillah Guide to use during the classes:

<https://images.shulcloud.com/810/uploads/Chaggim/RoshHashanahAt-HomeTefillaGuide.pdf>

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The Shofar Project presented by The Institute for Jewish Spirituality: A Free Four-Week Online Program from IJS and its Partner Organizations

The upcoming High Holidays will be unlike any most of us have known. We have woken up to our deep interconnection to all people and our own fragility. We have seen more clearly the deep injustice of systems and power structures in our country. We have heard voices pleading for life. Perhaps we are awake in a way we have not been before. How can we maintain and even deepen this awareness as we enter a new year?

The Shofar Project is a free program open to people of all backgrounds who want to make this a year of continued awakening, responsiveness, renewal, and transformation. It takes place during the Hebrew month of Elul, the month preceding the Jewish High Holy Days, a traditional period for intensive spiritual reflection, introspection, and moral accounting (August 20-September 18, 2020). For more information and to register, go to

<https://www.jewishspirituality.org/go-deeper/the-shofar-project/>

Tefillah Registration

Pre-registration is required to attend 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 that are required:

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.

Skokie Valley

ROSHHASHANAH 2020

We are gathering material for a booklet to share with our members for Rosh HaShanah. Please respond in the form below if you are interested in submitting Rosh HaShanah greetings, memories (especially of Skokie Valley), or insights on the yom tov davening.

Please go to the link below to indicate your interest.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSFzIz8TGNT1wO3SWNV-g25JsrooAabGEUK8zsEJ503MtxA_A/viewform



Rosh Hashanah booklet: This Rosh Hashanah will be like no other. Skokie Valley is seeking new ways to connect our community as we celebrate the new year together and apart. We are compiling a booklet with Shanah Tovah messages, Rosh Hashanah memories, tefillah meditations and reflections and other special surprises.

[Click here](#) for the form to share your submission to the booklet. Your messages and reflections will help enhance our community's observance of the 5781 holiday season. Please contact Rachael Gray-Raff at Morahrgr@gmail.com with your questions.

This Week's Programming

Shabbat August 29:

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

Sunday, August 30:

8:30 am: Halacha in Our Lives with Rav Ari <https://zoom.us/j/713951311>

Tuesday, September 1:

2:00 pm: Scapegoats and Battlehorns - The Roots of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in Tanach. Our Tuesday Tanach learning continues! We'll take a pause from the book of Genesis to explore the roots of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in the Tanach. **With Rav Ari.** <https://zoom.us/j/713951311>

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Wednesday, September 2:

8:00 pm: The Shofar Project: Weekly Spiritual Reflection with Rabbi Josh Feigelson

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Thursday, September 3:

11:00 am: How to Begin Talking About Racial Justice, Part 2 of a hands-on workshop with Giulienne Rollins-Rishon, a biracial Ashkenazi and Black American Rebbetzin, entrepreneur, speaker, and writer. As the granddaughter of German Holocaust survivors and Southern Black Americans, Gulienne uses her own identity to encourage others to explore their relationship with race, religion, and culture.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82345608253>

7:00 pm: Haftorah of the Week. Join us for a discussion that explores the Haftorah, its significance, context and connections to the weekly Torah portion. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87522959697>

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Hakarat Hatov

We are so grateful to Shelley Kleinman for leading Dance for Life for the last several months! When the weather gets colder, look for new opportunities to stay active and healthy.

Communal resources:

[Schedule some one on one time with Rav Ari](#)
[Chicago Jewish Community Support](#)
[COVID-19 and Domestic Abuse Resources](#)
[COVID-19 and Child Abuse](#)
[SHALVA COVID-19 Orthodox Outreach](#)

Join our WhatsApp groups!

[Women of Skokie Valley](#)
[Skokie Valley Chesed Corps](#)
[Let's Share Torah](#)

Beyond Skokie Valley

September 9 at 8 pm: Skokie Women's Tefillah Group Zoom Tefillah Workshop with Rabbanit Sara Wolkenfeld. Prepare in Elul for the holidays, and enhance your personal prayer and understanding of the tefillot. For details and registration:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScTrOhLSu6zqbf9PMVr3kDkwEko4gbR8YXMh031pvZwzAVTjw/viewform>

Maot Chitim wants to make sure that all families in need(any age) are registered in order to receive a gift card for Rosh Hashanah. If you know of any families that are not signed up, please contact **Corinne Engelhart** cor.engelhart@gmail.com or Joellyn at Maot Chitim tel. 847-674-3224 (mention Corinne).

Help the Ark's food pantry out during the month of Elul! What's most needed now is creamy peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal, and pasta. When you're out shopping or ordering for the holiday, consider adding a few of these items into your basket or onto your order. The food pantry's pod in the shul parking lot is difficult to open and close, and Bobbie Winter is happy to come by and pick up any donations or have them dropped off at her house to make it easier. Other staple items are always welcome and isolated non-listed items will be dropped into the clients shopping bags as an extra bonus.

Let's see if Skokie Valley can get a carload of groceries to the Ark for Rosh Hashanah! The shul contact for the Ark is **Bobbie Winter** at rwinterlcs@gmail.com.

SKOKIE VALLEY AGUDATH JACOB PRESENTS

THE SHOFAR PROJECT



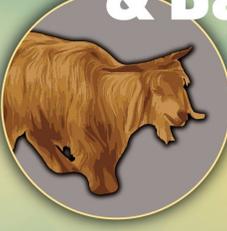
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SCAPEGOATS & Battlehorns



THE Roots of Rosh Hashana AND Yom Kippur in Tanach

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Starting on Sept. 1 • 2PM

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HIGH HOLIDAYS

WITH THE PACHAD YITZCHAK



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 September 1, 8 & 15, • 8pm • ZOOM

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HOW TO DAVEN

AT HOME



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 Join with Rabbi Michael Balinsky
 Sundays, September 6 & 13, and
 Thursday 9-24 • 7pm • ZOOM

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MAGIC & TESHUVAH



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 Sundays Sept. 9 & 13 • 10am • ZOOM

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