Parshat Ki Tetzei
13 Elul 5781

Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, August 20
7:15 am: Shacharit
6:30 pm: Mincha Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv
Candle lighting: 7:24 pm

Shabbat, August 21
9:00 am: Shacharit
7:20 pm: Mincha/Maariv
Havdalah: 8:25 pm

Sunday August 22
9:00 am: Shacharit
7:30 pm: Mincha/Maariv

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

Daily Mincha/Maariv
Monday through Thursday: 7:30 pm

Tefillot on Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/7139513111
passcode 613

Welcome New Members!
Debra Pogrund Stark & Jessica Choplin & family
Talia Kirshenbaum & Jina Davidovich

Yahrzeits
13 Elul/Aug 21 Ben Hailpern z’l (Mark Hailpern)
13 Elul/Aug 21 Sidney Berkowitz z’l (Barry Berkowitz)
16 Elul/Aug 24 Sam Horwich z’l (Elaine Lerman)
16 Elul/Aug 24 Morris Kaplan z’l (Sylvia Kaplan)
17 Elul/Aug 25 Mitchell Wolfinsohn z’l (Sima Miller)
18 Elul/Aug 26 Mina Reisberg z’l (Selma Feder)
18 Elul/Aug 26 Shirley Turner z’l (Eugene Chez)

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!

Thank you to our sponsors
Seudah shlishit is sponsored this Shabbat by:
Myra and Ira Weiss on the yahrzeits of Myra’s grandmother,
Goldie Mednikoff and Ira’s grandmother, Tillie Fenchel.
Barry & Bobbie Berkowitz on the yahrzeit of Barry’s father,
Sidney Berkowitz.

Seudah shlishit on August 7 was sponsored by:
Georges and Sol Elgrably on the yahrzeit of Georges’
brother, Simon Elgrably.
Larry Weinger on the yahrzeit of his mother, Betty Weinger.

Hakarat Hatov to Batya Gilbert Koplow and Mike
Koplow for organizing and running a multi-family
garage sale last week and donating the proceeds to
Skokie Valley!

Indoor tefillot and synagogue activities at Skokie Valley will now require masking for all participants--vaccinated and unvaccinated. Contact the office for more information.
This year, we are excited to offer full indoor and outdoor services, along with childcare outdoors and on premises, to try to meet the needs of our diverse community.

**Our indoor services** will be held in the Social Hall and be led by our many wonderful and talented congregants. This space has a large capacity, upgraded ventilation system, open windows and flexible floor plan. There will be no assigned seating for this service, but you must reserve your seats by clicking the link below.

**Our outdoor services** will be held in our large Tent, and will also be led by congregants and by Hazzan Lawrence Szenes-Strauss. This service will also offer a Traditional seating option. There will be no assigned seating for these services. We will offer Rosh Hashanah morning, Kol Nidrei, Yom Kippur morning and Neilah services outdoors.

You must renew your membership before reserving High Holiday seats.

Click the links below for the appropriate forms. Full details may be found at [https://www.svaj.org/hh-5782-resources](https://www.svaj.org/hh-5782-resources)

*High Holiday Seats - Social Hall*

*High Holiday Seats - Tent - with Traditional Seating Option*

*Memorial Book*  
*Yom Kippur Appeal*

*Membership Renewal*  
*New Membership*

*Outdoor High Holiday Youth Groups Registration*

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**Last chance for the 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 Sunday, August 22.**

Go to [https://www.svaj.org/memorial-book-5782](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](https://www.svaj.org/yizkor-book-5781)
Outdoor High Holiday Youth Groups

This year's programming will feature tefillah, games, learning, yummy snacks and light lunch, and more!

Groups will be located in the Skokie Valley Parking Lot and Playground, across the street from the front entrance of the shul. We are renting a second tent to provide a comfortable outdoor location for our youth. Youth programming will be offered from 10:00am - 1:00pm on all three days.

Register your children by going to www.svaj.org/hhyouth.

Elul Programming

Elul is upon us! We are excited to share the following schedule of classes and events to help our community prepare spiritually for the new year. We will also be sending some exciting information about youth programming for the fall very soon.

Preparing for the Shmitta Year
Join Rav Ari for a 3-part series on this ancient and innovative idea in the Torah. Explore how it could transform your life this year!
Sunday nights 8/15, 8/22, 8/29 @ 8:15 pm.
Skokie Valley Tent and on zoom https://zoom.us/j/713951311, password 613

Pre-Rosh Hashanah Learning: Chanah’s Prayer
On Rosh Hashanah, we read the Haftorah that serves as a foundation of Jewish spirituality and prayer--Chana’s tefillah. Join us in the tent and on Zoom to explore this powerful text and prepare for the High Holidays.
Tuesdays 8/17, 8/24, 8/31 @2:00 pm
Skokie Valley Tent and on Zoom https://zoom.us/j/713951311, password 613
Teen Tish with Avidan Halivni of Solu and Rav Ari
Friday Night, 8/27 @ 8:30 pm
Rubin backyard: 9124 Kolmar  RSVP avidan@solu.us

Skokie Women’s Tefillah Group Mincha, followed by Seudah Shlishit and Singing
Saturday, 8/28 @ 6:00 pm
Social Hall and Skokie Valley Tent

Musical Selichot
The Skokie Valley band is getting back together and rehearsing for an inspiring Slichot experience.
Interested in joining the band/choir? Contact Rav Ari ravari@svaj.org
Saturday Night 8/28 @ 9:30 pm
Social Hall and on Zoom https://zoom.us/j/713951311 Password 613

Service Opportunity
Elul Park Clean-Up: Solu in the Field.
Sunday, 8/29: Time and location TBA

We are also excited to co-sponsor two exciting initiatives to help us prepare for the 5782 Shmitta Year:
Shmitta Challenge with Hazon
Skokie Valley is participating in the Brit Hazon Challenge to win $1,000 toward a green project! As a Seal of Sustainability site, we support our community’s dedication to green practices. Each person who signs up brings us one point closer to the $1,000 grand prize. Signing up is easy! Visit Hazon.org/brit and select from 1 of 6 guided paths, or lead yourself through the Brit Hazon. Make sure you select Kol Sasson/Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob as your community group.

YCT Shmitta Beit Midrash
Kicks off on 8/29. Register and more info here: https://www.yctorah.org/iyun/. Since we are a co-sponsor, registration for our members is free.

We hope everyone will find a way to connect, in person or online, and take advantage of the many wonderful opportunities we have for the month of Elul!
SHMITTA & YOU
SUNDAY NIGHTS
8/15, 8/22, 8/29
@8:15PM

JOIN RAV ARI FOR A 3 PART SERIES ON THIS ANCIENT YET INNOVATIVE MITZVAH IN THE TORAH. EXPLORE HOW IT COULD CHANGE YOUR LIFE THIS YEAR.

IN PERSON IN SKOKIE VALLEY TENT AND ON ZOOM

CHANA'S PRAYER
PRE-ROSH HASHANAH LEARNING
TUESDAYS @2PM
8/17, 8/24, 8/31 @2:00PM

ON ROSH HASHANA, WE READ THE HAFTORAH THAT SERVES AS A FOUNDATION OF JEWISH SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER - CHANA'S TEFILAH.
JOIN US IN THE TENT AND ON ZOOM TO EXPLORE THIS POWERFUL TEXT AND PREPARE FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS.
Sanctuary Walkthrough video: If you were unable to attend the Sanctuary Renovation presentation on August 19, you may view the recording here: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/4vI5Buj9BrkuHMHr9k_KDGQmM-p45oJPs1PnZ0kDkhvoV91jIONIF_G7HWa0Bmrb.3v_GWIIvuFqZeyTxD Passcode svaj613!

This Week at Skokie Valley

Shabbat, August 21
9:30-11:00 am: Outdoor, in person, drop-off groups for children ages 5-12 will be held in the big tent, barring extreme weather. Register here if you have not already registered for groups. All children must complete a one-time registration. All children and staff must remain masked for the duration of groups except when eating snacks while socially distanced. 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!

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

Sunday, August 22
8:15 pm: Preparing for the Shmitta Year
Details in the flyer above. Skokie Valley Tent and on Zoom https://zoom.us/j/713951311, password 613

Tuesday, August 24
2:00 pm: Pre-Rosh Hashana Learning with Rav Ari: Chanah’s Prayer
Details in the flyer above. Skokie Valley Tent and on Zoom https://zoom.us/j/713951311, password 613

Thursday, August 26
11:00 am: Mid-Day Break 2.0 with Bobbie Winter
Are you concerned about re-masking and the Delta Covid variant taking center stage? 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=STIpNWVnZG42S0ZFYTB3dmdyUHZRZz09 Passcode 613

8:15 pm: Bar & Bat Mitzvah discussion with Rav Ari: Parents with an incoming bar or bat mitzvah (grades 5-8) are invited to join a discussion with Rav Ari as we learn what to expect during the upcoming year(s) of bnai mitzvah for our children. Join us on Zoom https://zoom.us/j/713951311 password 613

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 Friday night services. Keycards may be brought to shul and used to enter 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](https://www.youtube.com/) for all videos, including Rav Ari’s video drashot and Adult Ed classes.

**Beyond Skokie Valley**

**Chesed Opportunity: Maot Chitim Greater Chicago:** For the first time in two years, Maot Chittim of Greater Chicago will, again, be making deliveries of holiday food packages for those in need in our greater Chicago community. (Due to COVID, gift cards were sent to all of our beneficiaries in 2020, but, unfortunately, it was not easy for all of them to get to a store, in order to use the cards.)

Due to COVID and restricted warehouse space, volunteers will ONLY be doing deliveries. Warehouse packing will be done without volunteers. However, whether due to it being August, or the lack of volunteer involvement for two years, we are short about 100 volunteers for deliveries. We are asking all volunteers to pre-register via this link: [https://calendly.com/jstoliar/driver-for-maat-chitim-rh21](https://calendly.com/jstoliar/driver-for-maat-chitim-rh21).

Volunteers must be vaccinated (unless determined ineligible by age per CDC standards). Masks are required at pick up and delivery.

Additionally, Maot Chitim are in need of volunteers for their building crews for 7 buildings. Building crews will deliver the packages to individual apartments that are being dropped off by truck. If you are able to volunteer for a building crew, please contact Joellyn Stoliar, Executive Director of Maot Chittim, via email at jstoliar@maotchitim.org.