Shabbat Parah
Parshat Ki Tisa
18 Adar 5780

Welcome new members!
Michale & Jonathan Wacks & family!

Are you new or newish to our shul? Please make sure to take a colored cup at kiddush for your drink so we can give you a warm Skokie Valley welcome!

We are thrilled that we continue to grow as a community! Thank you for warmly welcoming our new members.
To host a new family for a Shabbat meal please contact Mark Bromberg at mark@bromberg.net

Todah Rabah
Seudah Shlishit is sponsored by Doug and Debri Klein for the yahrzeit of Doug’s grandfather Phillip Emanuel, Feivel ben Reb Meir a”h; Sherry & Philip Magid on the yahrzeit of Sherry’s mother, Esther Cizek z”l; and by Aviva & David Rubin on the yahrzeit of Aviva’s father Rabbi Jerome Weistrop z”l.

Please help ensure there is a minyan at all weekday Tefillot! We greatly appreciate your efforts in supporting our community. 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

Download our new mobile app! Go to https://www.svaj.org/getapp

We will continue to send updates for any changes in our schedule in an attempt to comply with best practices to keep our community safe!
Torat HaEmek - Torah of the Valley!
Do you have Torah that you want to share with our community? We will be printing divrei Torah from our members and placing them outside the main sanctuary. Please send any Torah you want to share to RavAri@svaj.org

Be part of our 2020 Annual Campaign and help us reach our goal of 100% member participation! All donations count, big or small. Give your financial support before the March 31st deadline and help ensure our future. Pledge and Donate at https://www.svaj.org/annual-campaign-2020 or contact the office at 847-674-3473, office@svaj.org

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

Sunday, March 15 @ 6:00 to 6:45 pm: Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday Night Seminar Speaker Series: A Deeper Dive, featuring scholars in our community.

March 15 and 29 @7:30 pm: Rabbi Marianne Novak presents “The Haggadah” as a cornerstone of our home liturgical practice reflecting our key sacred narrative, and one of the first Jewish ‘wiki’ projects.

May 24 and 31 @6:30 pm, Dr. Malka Simkovich will speak about “Jewish Vocabulary in the Ancient World”

July 12, 19, 26 and August 12 @6:30 pm, Dr. Sam Fleischacker will speak about “What is Idolatry?”

Shabbat, March 20-21: International JOFAton Shabbaton at Skokie Valley. This weekend will be full of classes on topical and engaging subjects taught by various scholars-in-residence, as well as multiple davening options. The full Schedule can be found at https://www.jofa.org/upcoming-events. Please note that the communal dinner has been cancelled.

Sunday, March 29 @ 4:15 pm: As part of a global movement of doing good with Good Deeds Day through JUF, we are proud to host A Celebration of Freedom in Song and Service with Chris Harris and Bright Star Community Outreach. At 4:15 pm we will be doing a service project, and at approximately 5:00 pm there will be a concert with the Bright Star Community Outreach choir. Tickets at svaj.org/freedomsongs

April 8 @ 8:00 pm: 3rd Annual Open Seder. There is no charge for this seder, but we rely on donations to make it possible. Register at svaj.org/seder

Monday night, April 13: Chol HaMoed Pesach dinner. Buffet dinner catered by Bryan Gryka. Stay tuned for more information and sign up.

This Week’s Classes at Skokie Valley

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

Monday @ 7:15 pm before Maariv: Gemara Megillah with Rabbi Steve Mandel, Berger Beit Midrash

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

Thursday @ 10:00 am: BYOK (Bring Your Own Kid) with Rav Ari. Learning for parents with children in the playroom at the end of the school wing (Multi-purpose Room). Children are welcome to come play with our toys while parents learn with Rav Ari! We are studying Hilchot Deot of the Rambam.
Tot Shabbat! We’ll meet this week in Berger Beit Midrash from 10:30-11:15 am. Tot Shabbat is for children between the ages of 0-4. Each child must be accompanied by an adult. For children already in groups, please pick up your child and head upstairs for songs, tefillah, and fun! We need parents to help lead Tot Shabbat! Click here to sign up!

For the safety and security of our kids, children should be in groups or in shul with a caretaker. If children are found wandering the building, they will be brought directly to you. Thank you for your partnership in helping keep our children and community safe. For questions, contact Youth Director Sara Price children@svaj.org

Children’s Groups begin at 9:30 am in four separate classrooms, with early babysitting available starting at 9:15 am. To keep our rooms safe and clean, please do not bring lollipops or sticky candy into groups.

Misheberach for Cholim: In order to ensure that we are offering a misheberach for members of our community in need of physical, emotional and/or spiritual healing, we will be sending a monthly link to a form where you can enter the names of those for whom you wish a prayer to be said. All names on this list will be personally recited by a gabbai or gabbait every day when Torah is recited, in addition to being included in the prayers of individuals in our community. If you enter a name on the list, we request that you renew it each month the person is in need of healing. The list will be cleared on Shabbat Mevarchim each month. You may find the form at https://www.svaj.org/misheberach. You may also call the office with the information at 847-674-3473.

Get to Know...Joey & Aaron Wertheimer!!

Family Info: We have two kids, Eliana (4) and Sheppard aka Shep (2)

Aaron:
Hometown: Grew up in Calgary, moved to Skokie at age 12. Yes I am a dual citizen.
Favorite Jewish Food: Matzah pizza
Something that we don’t know about you: I have worked at three different video stores - in Evanston, Chicago, and Brooklyn.
How Long Have You Been at Skokie Valley: 2+ years
The Last Book Read: Wild by Cheryl Strayed
Latkes or Hamentaschen: Latkes obviously
Profession: Filmmaker-writer
Guilty Pleasure: Watching old episodes of Beverly Hills 90210, although I don’t feel guilty about it
Favorite City in Israel: I like them all equally
What foreign country would you like to visit that you haven’t been to yet? Russia

Joey:
Hometown: Chicago
Favorite Jewish Food: Schnitzel
Something that we don’t know about you: I’m a little bit psychic
The Last Book Read: Ask Your Guides by Sonia Choquette
Latkes or Hamentaschen: Latkes
Profession: Acupuncturist
Favorite Guilty Pleasure: Chocolate-covered gummy bears
Favorite City in Israel: Jerusalem
What foreign country would you like to visit that you haven’t been to yet? Spain
Many, many thanks to the music committee and Palooza committee, and dozens of volunteers, all too numerous to mention here, who planned and executed the After Party and Purim Palooza, spending weeks and countless hours working to make sure this Purim was the best Skokie Valley has ever seen!

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.

Take part in the United States Census 2020 beginning in mid-March. Responding can be done online, by phone or by mail. For more information, visit 2020Census.gov.

Please vote in the general primary election on March 17. For those registered in advance, early voting has already begun. You can also register in person at your polling location on election day.

Cub Scout Pack 18 is coming to Skokie Valley! Open to all children K-5 regardless of gender, religion or membership affiliation. For more information about joining or volunteering, contact Josh Feigelson jfeigelson@gmail.com

Cancelled: Sunday, March 15 @ 1:30 -3:30, Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger of Roots at the home of Nina Black and Avery Hart, 3705 Grove Street.

Thursday, March 19 @ 6:00 pm: Two Films “Final Transports” and “Childhood Lost” at the Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. Join Illinois Holocaust Museum and WTTW for the premiere of two new 30-minute documentaries featuring Chicagoland Survivors. The red carpet premiere at the Museum will include light refreshments and post-screening Q&A with all four featured Chicagoland Survivors. Free to the public. Reservations required. RSVP: Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center

Skokie Youth Little League Baseball: Registration for 2020 Skokie Youth Little League Baseball is open! Skokie Youth is a Shomer Shabbat league for children between Nursery through 9th grade. You do not have to be a Skokie resident to play! The season goes from April through June. Register online at: http://skokieyouth.org.