

SKOKIE VALLEY

Welcomes you!



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Shabbat Parah Parshat Ki Tisa 18 Adar 5780

Shabbat Shalom!
Welcome Artist-in-Residence
Jordan Gorfinkel

Friday, March 13

Shacharit: 7:15 am

Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Maariv: 6:30 pm in
Main Sanctuary

Candle lighting: 6:36 pm

8:30 pm: Oneg Shabbat with Jordan Gorfinkel
"Sharing Stories to Make your Seder so
Interesting that Nobody Says "When do we eat""
at the home of Rick & Marsha Arons,
8737 Central Park Ave.

Shabbat March 14

Shacharit: 9:00 am

Following Musaf: Jordan Gorfinkel "Moses &
Superman: What Superheroes Teach Us About
Judaism & What Judaism Teaches Us About
Superheroes"

Mincha: 6:35 pm

Following Mincha: Jordan Gorfinkel: "Everything
I Learned About Passover, I Learned From
Batman!"

Havdallah: 7:40 pm

Cartooning Workshop has been cancelled

Sunday, March 15

Shacharit: 9:00 am

Mincha/Maariv: 6:45 pm

Daily Shacharit

Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:15 am

Daily Maariv

Monday through Thursday: 8:00 pm

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 Debra**
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.

Teen Homework Night! Weekly on Tuesday nights, from 7-9, there will be homework nights in the teen lounge! Bring friends and homework! Snacks will be provided. Please enter through the side door in the alley.

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.



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!

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



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

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.

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

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](https://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 שורשים 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](https://illinois-holocaust-museum.org)

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>.