Parshat Korach
2 Tammuz 5781

Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, June 11 - Rosh Chodesh
7:00 am: Shacharit
Indoors and via Zoom https://zoom.us/j/713951311 passcode 613
6:30 pm: Mincha Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv
Candle lighting: 8:06 pm

Shabbat, June 12
9:00 am: Shacharit
8:05 pm: Mincha/Maariv
Havdalah: 9:09 pm

Sunday, June 13
9:00 am: Shacharit
Mincha/Maariv: 8:15 pm

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

Daily Mincha/Maariv
Monday through Thursday: 8:15 pm

Tefillot on Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/713951311 passcode 613

Tefillah registration is no longer required.

Mazal tov!
To Jenni Richton & Eliyahu Rosen and Adir & Eva on the birth of a baby boy.
Shalom Zachor Friday night at 9:30 pm at 8901 Kildare.
Brit Milah will be on Sunday, June 13, at Skokie Valley after Shacharit.

Have good news? Please email the Skokie Valley office so we can add to our weekly bulletin and email and share with the community!

Yahrzeits:
2 Tammuz/June 12 Phillip Fox z”l (Esther Brutzkus)

Rav Ari will be away this summer for the following dates: 6/14 - 6/21, the weekend of July 4th, and 7/19 - 7/26.
For all general shul inquiries, please contact the office at 847-674-3473 or office@svaj.org.
For rabbinic matters, please reach out to Rabbi Joe Ozarowski at ravjoe@gmail.com.
In case of a rabbinic emergency please call Rav Ari at 312-315-9178.

To increase security in the building, doors to the shul will now be locked at all times. Key cards will be operative and can be carried to shul to facilitate entrance into the building for weekday davening and on Friday evening prior to the start of Shabbat. The manual entry system is also operational. If you have questions about either, please ask Rav Ari. 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.

For Update on Skokie Valley COVID-19 Policies in Light of New Government Guidance go to:
https://www.svaj.org/covid-policy-5-21
Thank you to Dads and Grads Kiddush Sponsors!

Marvin Becker, honored by Hermine and your family

Yechiel Berkowicz, Ari Berkowicz, Mike Soffer, Brian Pogrund & David Pogrund honored by Zahava, Judah & Priya

Adam Gabai honored by Adina, Benjamin, Emmett, & Zoe

Maurice Garfinkel, honored by Tova, Eli, Cara, Adira & Orly

Zev Goldberg & Bruce Strahan honored by Becky, Avi, Tomer, Shayna, & Moshe

Ben Katz, Doctor Extraordinaire, Max Green on his first Father’s Day, and Jeffrey Katz new father-in-law, honored by Felice, Andrea, Elyssa & Jenna

Sy Nagorsky honored by Miffie and family

Daniel Neiman, honored by Leah, Adin & Liav

Paul Quintas, honored by Bethia, Joseph, David, Sarah & Rebecca

Joe Reiser, honored by Robyn, Joslyn, and Layla

Jacob Shapiro & Avery Hart honored by Mira, Asa & Sidney

Michael Stein honored by Rachel, Aliza & Aaron & Maya, Merav, Avital & Akiva

Daniel Weinberg honored by Sarah, Leora, Jacob, & Devora

Ira Weiss, with love from Sarah, Becky, Raysh, Daphne, Charlotte, Lielle, Aviad, Shai, Ariana, & Meital

Saba Yankee Wilensky & Ash Wilensky honored by Matan, Noam & Zev

Ed Winter honored by Bobbie Winter

Nathan Jacob Becker, Whitney Young HS, Chicago, heading to NYU Tisch School of Fine Arts, honored by Hermine & Marvin Becker

Lena Bromberg, Rochelle Zell Jewish High School, honored by Mark Bromberg, & Zahava & Ari Berkowicz

Ayelet Chavel, Northwestern University Legal Studies Major, Awards by Environmental Policy & Cultural Program, and by Hillel for being a community builder. Mom and Dad are so proud of your accomplishments and excited for your future!

Emmet Gabai, Solomon Schechter Day School Kindergarten, honored by Adina & Adam Gabai

Cara Garfinkel, Arie Crown Nursery School

Tomer Goldberg, Akiba Schechter 8th grade, honored by Becky & Zev Goldberg

Rena Lustig, Evanston High School, honored by Paula Blumberg & Rebecca Lustig

Sam Nagorsky, from Akiba-Schechter and Ariel Israel, Greenwich Country Day School, honored by Miffie and Sy Nagorsky

Sarah Quintas, New York University, honored by Bethia Straus & Paul Quintas and family

Joslyn Reiser, Hillel Torah Kindergarten, honored by Robyn & Joe Reiser

Leora Weinberg, Solomon Schechter 8th grade

Natan Winter, Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Day School, Rockville MD, honored by Bobbie & Ed Winter
This Week at Skokie Valley

**Shabbat, June 12**

9:30-11:00 am: Outdoor, in person, drop-off groups for children ages 5-12 will be held in the big tent. Register here if you have not already registered for groups. All children must complete a one-time registration. For the safety of all, children must either be in shul or in the tent during services and not playing unsupervised outside the building.

10:30 am: **Tot Shabbat.** On Shabbat morning, Tot Shabbat starts at 10:30 am in Timber Ridge Park, weather permitting. Bring a blanket and a mask for everyone over 2 who are not vaccinated, and join the growing Tot Shabbat community!

Two ways to join friends this Shabbat

1. 11:15 am to 12:30 pm: Dads and Grads Kiddush will be held under the big tent
2. 4-6 pm: Oneg Shabbat will be hosted by Bobbie & Ed Winter, 8651 Karlov

[Click here to sponsor a kiddush or oneg!](https://www.svaj.org/form/kiddush-oneg-sponsor.html)

**Sunday, June 13**

12:00pm **Teen Juneteenth Celebration with GI AME Church Teen Youth Group.** On Zoom: Sharing Celebrations and Cuisine: Juneteenth Celebration with Teen Youth of GI AME Church - Discussion and Sweet Potato Pie. Email youth@svaj.org to register.

7:00 pm: **Board of Directors meeting in person and on Zoom.**
Thursday, June 17:
11:00 am: Mid-Day Break for Breath and Well-Being with Bobbie Winter. Are you post-vaccination and trying to decide how much to emerge and attempting to decode the new regulations? Then please join in Skokie Valley's Thursday midday break and share your views and concerns with others. This always interesting discussion will be followed by breathing exercises and a guided relaxation enabling you to regain focus and recharge for the rest of the day. I look forward to having you join us.
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86100712972?pwd=STlpNWVnZG42S0ZFYTB3dmdyUHZRZz09
Passcode: 613

Youth Department News

Shabbat @ 9:30-11:00 am: Outdoor, in person, drop-off groups for children ages 5-12 will be held in the tent every Shabbat, barring extreme weather. They will enjoy games and snacks in the tent under the supervision of Rosa Shanes and our madrichim. All children and staff must remain masked for the duration of groups except while eating snacks while socially distanced.

If you have not yet registered for groups, please do so here. All children must complete a one-time registration. In the coming weeks we will expand the programming and duration of groups -- stay tuned!

For the safety of all, children must either be in shul or in the tent during services and not playing unsupervised outside the building.

Playground: The playground across the street will be unlocked and available during shul hours on Shabbat. Parents must attend to their children while on the playground. Tot Shabbat starts at 10:30 am in Timber Ridge Park on Shabbat.

June 20 @ 8pm: Free self-defense training class led by StandStrong. With the sharp increase in antisemitic incidents occurring across the world, throughout our country, and within our own neighborhood, we as community members feel strongly to empower ourselves with the basic knowledge of self-defense. Our goal is to have community members leave this class with the confidence to defend and safely remove themselves from an immediate threat.

This FREE basic self-defense class is taught by instructors through StandStrong, a non-profit organization created by Lior Ofir, a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu blackbelt and multiple time world champion. Lior, a KravMaga expert and former Israeli Navy SEAL, spent years competing and teaching thousands of people all around the world.

More information and registration at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/self-defense-training-class-registration-157974687543
Solu Programs

Bronzeville Family Literacy Center: COVID-19 changed the landscape of children’s learning across America, and those who were already most vulnerable are suffering the worst impact. Students in urban, underserved areas are already showing negative learning outcomes as a result of the pandemic’s disruption.

In response, we are launching a campaign to build a Family Literacy Center in the South Side neighborhood of Bronzeville, in partnership with our friends at Bright Star Community Outreach and Books 4 Cause. The FLC will support families whose learning has been compromised by the pandemic with free books, literacy resources, homework help, tutoring, and more. Read more about the program here!

Our first stage for this campaign is an ongoing Solu Book Drive! You can get involved in the following ways:

1. **Donate books**: Solu is collecting books to stock the shelves of the Literacy Center. Books must be in good condition and can be for children of all ages. Please deliver all books to the storage pod in the Skokie Valley parking lot - please don’t leave books outside the shul. Donated books must be new or very gently used, high quality, for ages 2-18.

   Do not donate musty or damaged books, magazines, coloring books, encyclopedias, textbooks, ex-library books, ex-school library books, classroom sets, or books for adults. Bringing these books will make it more difficult to successfully set up the literacy center!

2. **Sort**: We need volunteers to organize the donated books by level and topic. Volunteers will also go to the Books 4 Cause warehouse to sort donated books! Please contact Avidan at avidan@solu.us if you are able to help.

3. **Transport**: Help get the books from Skokie to the Literacy Center in Bronzeville! Please contact Avidan at avidan@solu.us if you are able to help.

JCFS and Skokie Valley

The past year has challenged our community in unprecedented physical, spiritual, emotional and financial ways. Our community has responded heroically to these needs with open hands and hearts. As an institution, we are always looking for more ways to respond to these needs and better strengthen and serve our members, and thus are excited to enter this partnership with JCFS Chicago! For more information, go to: https://www.jcfs.org/ Our liaison to JCFS is Elizabeth Ury, the Director of Jewish Community Engagement. You may contact Elizabeth directly at ElizabethUry@JCFS.org 847-745-5421.
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 for all videos, including Rav Ari’s video drashot and Adult Ed classes.

Shop Amazon for Father’s Day and Prime Day and support Skokie Valley! Sign up for AmazonSmile and select Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob Synagogue as your preferred charity at smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2477806. Remember to shop for deals at smile.amazon.com, or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon app, and AmazonSmile will donate to us at no cost to you.

**Beyond Skokie Valley**

**Yesh Tikvah:** In anticipation of Father's Day, we have arranged a special event for the parents of those facing infertility on **Wednesday June 16 at 6pm PST / 9pm EST**, entitled: **What Does He Really Need: Being a Parent to a Son/Son-in-law Facing Infertility.** A virtual conversation hosted by Yesh Tikva’s Director of Male Fertility Support, Rabbi Michael Bleicher, LCSW and Dr. Bill Petok, PhD. **For more information, and to register, go to [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMuc-ytqD0sEt2qPZxOuxtdFDkKAMT5Gm9Z](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMuc-ytqD0sEt2qPZxOuxtdFDkKAMT5Gm9Z)**