

SKOKIE VALLEY

Welcomes you!



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Shabbat Shalom! Welcome Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Sarit Kattan Gribetz

Friday, November 8

Shacharit: 7:15 am
Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Maariv: 4:27 pm
Candle lighting: 4:17 pm

Shabbat November 9

Shacharit: 9:00 am

**Drasha after Musaf: Dr. Sarit Kattan Gribetz
"The Value of Time: Work, Rest,
and Making Each Day Sacred"**

Mincha/Maariv: 4:00 pm

**During Seudah Shlishit: "Hosting the Emperor for
Shabbat Lunch: Reading Rabbinic Stories
in their Ancient Contexts"**

Havdallah: 5:18 pm

Sunday, November 10

Shacharit: 9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv: 4:25 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!

Kyla & Kevin Cira and baby Leo!

We are so thrilled that we continue to grow as a community! So far we have 38 new memberships in 2019! Thank you for warmly welcoming our new members!

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

Mazal Tov!

Mazel Tov to **Neal & Eileen Sufrin** on the birth of their grandson Moshe Leib, born to their children Stuart & Emily Sufrin and to Uncle Alan Sufrin, Aunt Miriam Brosseau, and cousins Leo & Oliver Sufrin.

Todah Rabah

Seudah shlishit is sponsored this Shabbat by **Nina Black & Avery Hart** on the yahrzeit of Sidney Black, father of **Nina Black** and grandfather of **Rav Ari**; by **Sol & Georges Elgrably** on the yahrzeit of Sol's brother, Joseph Cohen: and by **Rachel & Michael Stein** on the yahrzeit of Rachel's father, Isaac Simes.

Please note: The office will be closed on Monday, November 11.

Next Board of Directors meeting will be this Wednesday, November 13 at 7 pm.

Skokie Valley is deeply committed to the mitzvah of Hachnasat Orchim (Hospitality). Every Shabbat, members of our community open their homes, providing accommodations, Friday night meals, and Shabbat lunches for visitors. We have created a Hospitality Request form under "Contacts" on our website where people can submit requests for hospitality. **If you would like to host visitors, please contact Nina Black at hospitality@svaj.org and she will put you on her list of possible hosts.**

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

November 22-23: Yeshivat Maharat Intern Dr. Liz Shayne. Dr. Shayne has undergraduate degrees in English and Psychology from the University of Pennsylvania, and a master's degree and doctorate from UC Santa Barbara in English Literature, and is currently a 4th year student at Yeshivat Maharat. We look forward to learning with her in November, and again when she returns in February and April.

December 6-7: Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Samantha Baskind. Dr. Baskind is a Professor of Art History and well-known author whose research focuses on Jewish American Art. In addition to opportunities to hear Dr. Baskind speak over Shabbat, please join us for a Motzei Shabbat evening presentation and community art exchange. Details to follow!

Wednesday December 25: Annual Miriam Bromberg z"l Cookie Bake.

This Week's Classes at Skokie Valley - November 9-15

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

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

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



It's SKIP enrollment time! SKIP stands for Send-a-Kid-to-Israel Partnership, a cooperative program with you, the Skokie Valley, and the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago. The program provides a way in which families can save toward an educational Israel experience for their children. Your choices include summer programs, semester-abroad programs, teen and college age programs and more.

Each **full-member family in good standing** who wants to participate contributes \$85 per child annually to an interest-bearing savings account, while Skokie Valley contributes \$85 and JUF contributes \$85. Enrollment begins as early as third grade and as late as sixth grade. Participation continues through the ninth grade. The funds collected (close to \$1800 after seven years of contributions and interest) make a considerable reduction in the expense of a trip to Israel.

If your child is already enrolled in SKIP, you will receive a mailing with your child's annual SKIP statement, along with an invoice for this year's contribution. For those who want to enroll their children, there are enrollment packages in the rack outside the sanctuary, or you can call the office for one to be emailed to you.

The deadline for SKIP materials to be received by the Skokie Valley office is November 20, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Weiss, or call or email the office.

*******Around Skokie Valley*******

We need you to join our Shiva Support Team! Led by Meira Goldman, team members aid members of our community in a time of great need, coordinating food, supplies, and setting up a home for shiva.

Email meirakatzoff@gmail.com to get involved.

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

Many thanks to Sam Fleischacker & Amy Reichert; and Jonathan Wolf for helping to sponsor Rav Hanan Schlesinger and Roots' Shabbat program.

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.

*******Youth News*******

Tot Shabbat! Tot Shabbat is for children between the ages of 0-4 and each child must be accompanied by an adult. For children already in groups, please pick up your child and head upstairs. **We will be meeting this Shabbat in Berger Beit Midrash from 10:30-11:15 am for songs, tefillah, and fun!**

We need parents to help lead Tot Shabbat! [Click here to sign up!](#)

Children are an integral part of our community. To ensure their safety, which is always our top priority, they must be supervised at all times while at Skokie Valley -- either in our Madrichim-led groups or with a parent/guardian. Joint Youth groups with Kol Sasson are available for children ages 2-10 beginning at 9:30 on Shabbat morning. At times when groups are not available, or if children have decided to not be in groups, parents are responsible for supervising their children. For questions, contact Youth Director Sara Price children@svaj.org

*******From the Ritual Committee*******

Please remember to return your Skokie Valley tallit to the rack in the sanctuary after davening. Thanks for not leaving it in the Social Hall. Todah!

Please help ensure there is a minyan at all weekday Tefillot! 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

If you mistakenly took a man's beige raincoat from the coatroom last Shabbat and discovered that isn't yours, please contact the office. We have your raincoat here.



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....Suzanne & Noah Mishkin!

Family Info: Noah, Suzanne, Ayden (11), Akiva (9), and Azi (5)
Hometown: Noah: West Rogers Park; Suzanne: Silver Spring, MD
Latkes or Hamentaschen: Noah: Latkes; Suzanne: Chocolate Hamentaschen
How long have you been at Skokie Valley? We joined Skokie Valley in 2015
Profession: Noah: COO of CraftJack; Suzanne: Administrator at Solomon Schechter Day School
What foreign country would you like to visit: Noah: England; Suzanne: Italy



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

November 10 @ 4:00 pm: BJE Chicago presents their annual celebration event Celebration Education Inspiration at the Westin Chicago North Shore. Among the honorees is Skokie Valley's own **Rabbi Marianne Novak**. Register online at bjechicago.org

November 11 and December 23-30: School's Out programs run by JCC Chicago -- held at Skokie Valley during weekdays that school is not in session. Go to <https://www.jccchicago.org/programs/schools-out/> for more information. **Skokie Valley members get a special discounted rate -- you must call to register to receive the special rate.**

Motzei Shabbat, November 16 8 pm. Please come and meet Rabbanit Dr. Esther Fisher, at the home of Allen and Edie Chernoff, 8951 Lincolnwood Drive. Learn Torah and hear about Midreshet Ein HaNatziv's post high school program for girls. Questions: contact ejchernoff@msn.com

Saturday Night, Nov. 16: Special Melaveh Malka Motzei Shabbat, at the home of Shari and Azi Feifel (2947 W. Jarlath) featuring a fascinating dyslexia simulation presentation given by Dr. Rinat Green, a child psychologist and Executive Director and Founder of Kol Koreh, a non-profit Israeli organization that helps students with dyslexia and other language-based learning disabilities. Kol Koreh's vision is to provide state of the art educational solutions for students with learning disabilities, both in Israel and abroad. For more information and to RSVP, email dririnategreen@kolkoreh.org or visit Kol Koreh's website at www.kolkoreh.org

Sunday, November 17 @7:30 pm: Mizrahi RZC program honoring Chicago's Chaylim Bodedim - IDF Lone Soldiers and their families. They will be dedicating a Pima Chama - Warm Corner-where IDF soldiers can always stop by for a well-deserved break. Dessert reception 7:30 -9:00 pm, brief program at 8:15 pm. Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation, 7117 N. Crawford. To RSVP (no charge) and find out more information visit pc.rzc.us

Sunday November 17, 7-9 pm: Chicago Family Acupuncture presents a Women's Wellness Event at Heartwood Center, 1818 Dempster, Evanston. Mindfulness, Yoga, Acupuncture: Gain the tools you need to lead a more centered, stress-free life. Featuring Dr. Zahava Berkowicz (Skokie Valley member), Dr. Lena Kushnir, Revital Frydman, and Dr. Marni Rosen. Proceeds benefit Sharsheret, supporting Jewish women and families living with or at increased risk for breast and ovarian cancer. Light dinner served. If you have one, bring your yoga mat. Register at: <https://www.chicagofamilyacu.com/events>

Monday November 18, 2019, 7:- 9pm: Aliya Dollars and Sense. Join Nefesh B'Nefesh, Ely Cole, CPA at XPAT Tax Services, and Aaron Djanogly, Wealth Manager at Pioneer Wealth Management, for a practical workshop on budgeting, US and Israeli taxation, and financial planning, at the DoubleTree 9599 Skokie Blvd. in Skokie. Kindly register at WWW.NBN.ORG.IL/CHICAGO

Monday, November 18 @ 7:30 pm - Shoshana Keats Jaskoll of Chochmat Nashim will be speaking at Skokie Valley. Details to come.

Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 16 & 17, 7 pm: Chicago Women Charity Players is back with Les Miserables, a CWCP adaptation benefiting the Sharlene Levinson Bikur Cholim, Chicago. Tickets on sale starting this week! Performances will be at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts. General admission tickets available for purchase now at Magenta Boutique, 3764 Devon, Lincolnwood. Sponsorships & advertising opportunities available. Contact cwctickets@gmail.com or call 773-465-6576. **Women & girls only.**