Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, July 9
7:00 am: Shacharit
Indoors and via Zoom https://zoom.us/j/713951311
passcode 613
6:30 pm: Mincha Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv
Earliest candle lighting: 6:54 pm
Candle lighting: 8:08 pm

Shabbat, July 10
9:00 am: Shacharit
8:05 pm: Mincha/Maariv
Havdalah: 9:10 pm

Sunday July 11
9:00 am: Shacharit
8:15 pm: Mincha/Maariv

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

Baruch Dayan HaEmet
It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of long-time Skokie Valley member Rena Legator.
Graveside services will be held Friday, July 9, 2021, 11:00 am at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

Yahrzeits
1 Av/July 10 Gertrude Bilow z”l (David Bilow)
2 Av/July 11 Shirley Zuckerman z”l (Sima Miller)
4 Av/July 13 Samuel Holman z”l (Darrell Holman)

Thank you this week’s kiddush sponsors:
Alexander & Mira Wolf in honor of Alexander completing Tractate Yoma in Daf Yomi cycle, and for the 2nd yahrzeit of Alexander’s father.

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

Rav Ari will be away this summer on 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.

Rosh Chodesh Av
Matot-Masei
1 Av 5781

Laws of the Three Weeks, Nine Days, and Tisha B’Av 5782-2022:
svaj.org/threeweeks
**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 Kabbalat Shabbat or Mincha. Keycards may be brought and used 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!*

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**Membership Renewal**

We invite you to renew your membership for 2021-2022 online. You can also contact the office for assistance at 847-674-3473 or office@svaj.org.  
Go to [https://www.svaj.org/membership-renewal](https://www.svaj.org/membership-renewal) to renew today!

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**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 August 16.**  
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)

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**This Week at Skokie Valley**

**Shabbat, July 10**

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 is not vaccinated, and join the growing Tot Shabbat community!

11:15 am to 12:30 pm: Kiddush in the big tent

[Click here](#) to sponsor a kiddush!

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**Who helped you get through the pandemic?** Did someone from our community help you during the last 18 months? Let us know who they are! As Rav Ari explained in his Shabbat Balak drasha, Skokie Valley wants to acknowledge the important people who helped you during the last year and a half. Click [here](#) to fill out a form and we'll transcribe your gratitude onto a colorful card. We already have dozens of expressions of thanks and love for the quiet heroes who checked in, shared a gift, made us smile or were with us as we cried. Our plan is to hang the cards for all to see in the Skokie Valley Tent. Help those who helped you get the recognition they deserve! To express your gratitude to someone in our community, [click here](#)!
**Three Weeks of Love in Action with Solu**

Every year, between 17 Tammuz and 9 Av, we remember the destruction of the Beit HaMikdash and the senseless hatred, *Sinat Chinam*, that caused its downfall. In Orot HaKodesh, Rav Kook wrote, "If we were destroyed, and the world with us, due to *sinat chinam*, baseless hatred, then we shall rebuild ourselves, and the world with us, with *ahavat chinam*, baseless love."

This year, we invite you to join Solu for three weeks of *Ahavat Chinam*, unconditional love, in action. Over the course of these three weeks, there are many different opportunities to put more love into the world, including volunteering with our refugee neighbors, building the new Brightstar Family Literacy Center in Bronzeville, preparing food for the homeless, and more.

Click here for an article in *The Forward* about Rav Ari and Solu, "A Chicago Orthodox Rabbi Reaches out to his Rohingya and Black Neighbors."

**Coming up next week:**

- **Sunday, July 11: 1:00 - 3:00 PM**: Teen Service Project with the Rohingya Youth Corps [ages 12-18]
- **Sunday, July 11: 1:00 - 4:00 PM**: Build the Brightstar Family Literacy Center - volunteers needed!

For more information or questions, contact Avidan Halivni at avidan@solu.us

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**AHAVAT CHINAM! 3 WEEKS OF LOVE IN ACTION**

- Book Drive & Service Days to build the Brightstar Family Literacy Center
- July 1: Shiur with Emma Katz of MILI
- July 4-5: OU Relief Mission to Bettendorf, Iowa
- July 8: Dinner and Kindness Rocks with the Rohingya Community Center
- July 11: Teen Service Project with the Rohingya Youth Corps
- July 14: Chessed Day With Moshava Bo’r
- July 18: Tisha B’Av and Family Programming

INTERESTED? EMAIL AVIDAN@SOLU.US

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**AHAVAT CHINAM AT HOME!**

1. **Week 1: Love your Neighbor**
2. **Week 2: Love the Stranger**
3. **Week 3: Love of God**

Check out the full list of resources!

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**AHAVAT CHINAM CAMPAIGN**

**BUILD THE BRIGHTSTAR FAMILY LITERACY CENTER**

The center will be housed on the South Side of Chicago, in the Bright Star Community Outreach’s Bronzeville center, and will support families whose learning has been compromised by the pandemic with free books, literacy resources, and more.

We need volunteers to:
- Assemble furniture
- Clear out debris
- Paint walls
- Organize books
- Bring supplies from the St. La of Bronzeville

**AHAVAT CHINAM CAMPAIGN**

**JULY 11, TEEN PROJECT WITH THE ROHINGYA YOUTH CORPS**

Let’s meet our neighbors! Solu and the Rohingya Youth Corps are teaming up at the RCC for a local trash clean-up!

The RCC provides immediate basic needs and services to the Rohingya population, assisting new families with childcare and citizenship classes, providing translation services and employment assistance, and several youth sports programs.

Sunday 7/11 1:00-3:00 PM
Recommended ages: 12-18
Location: 2740 West Devon Avenue

**Click for home resources**

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**Click to sign up for Bright Star**

**Click to sign up for Teen Project**
**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.**

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.

Support Skokie Valley while shopping on Amazon! Sign up for AmazonSmile and select Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob Synagogue as your preferred charity at smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2477806. **So far we have received over $825 from Amazon as a result of your designating Skokie Valley as your AmazonSmile charity!** Remember to shop for deals at smile.amazon.com, or with AmazonSmile in the Amazon app, and AmazonSmile will donate to us at no cost to you.

**Beyond Skokie Valley**

**Sunday, July 11 @ 11:30 am:** **Stone Dedication for Herb Feldman** at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose, Eastlake Section.

**Shabbat July 24:** Please join the Skokie Women’s Tefillah Group for Mincha on July 24, 2021 Tu b’Av Shabbat Nachamu in the Skokie Valley Social Hall followed by Seudah Shlisheet in the Tent. Davening begins promptly at 6 PM. Masks are required for participants who are not vaccinated.

**Sunday, July 25 @ 6-9pm CDT:** **YCT’s 2nd Annual Climate Conference Celebrating Shemitah 5782.** A virtual conference on Torah, climate change & Shemitah featuring YCT faculty and other experts. To register for the zoom link, go to yctorah.org/climate
SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, July 25, 2021
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CELEBRATING SHEMITAH 5782
MEETING ON ZOOM 7-10 PM EASTERN

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ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED: YCTORAH.ORG/CLIMATE