

# SKOKIE VALLEY

*Welcomes you!*



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## Parshat Miketz Shabbat Chanukah and Rosh Chodesh Tevet 30 Kislev 5780

### Shabbat Shalom!

#### Friday, December 27

Shacharit: 7:15 am

Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Maariv: 4:16 pm

Candle lighting: 4:06 pm

#### Shabbat December 28 Chanukah/Rosh Chodesh

Shacharit: 9:00 am

**Drasha: Sunset, Sunrise**

Mincha/Maariv: 4:05 pm

Havdallah: 5:09 pm

#### Sunday, December 29 Rosh Chodesh Tevet

Shacharit: 9:00 am

Mincha/Maariv: 4:20 pm

#### Daily Shacharit

Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am

Wednesday, 1/1: 9:00 am

Tuesday & Friday: 7:15 am

#### Daily Maariv

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8:00 pm

Wednesday, 1/1: 4:20 pm Mincha/Maariv



#### Mazal Tov!

Mazal tov to **Alyssa and Ross Gordon and family** on Michaela's Bat Mitzvah!

#### Baruch Dayan HaEmet

**Our deepest condolences to Muriel Finkel and family on the passing of longtime member, Bernie Finkel.** The funeral took place on Thursday, December 26th. Shiva is at the home of Cal and Hindy Finkel, 3705 Arcadia, Skokie. Tefillot in the home: Shacharit at 6:45 am, Mincha/maariv at 4:10 pm, except Friday at 2 pm. Please no visitors from 12-2 pm, 5:30-6:30 pm or after 9 pm.

***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!***

**The office will be closing at noon on December 31, and closed on January 1.**

### Today Rabah

This week's Chanukah Kiddush is sponsored by:

The Altgold Family

Robin & Michael Anderson in honor of Yoni's 11th birthday

Bobbie & Barry Berkowitz

Nina Black & Avery Hart

Alexander Brown

Edie & Allen Chernoff

Lynn & Sherwin Ditlove

Debbie & Dan Eisenstein in honor of Dan's 55th and David's 30th birthdays

Rosalie & Harry Epstein

Helen Goodfriend

Alyssa & Ross Gordon in honor of Caley's bat mitzvah

Don Karger

Lydia & Asher Karoll in honor of granddaughter Esti's bat mitzvah

Nelson and Michelle Kanter

Miriam & Shlomo Latinik

Batel & Mike Lieberman

Robert Rothstein

Rachel & Michael Stein in honor of Akiva's 21st birthday

Kol Sasson Congregation

### \*\*\*\*\*Upcoming Events at Skokie Valley\*\*\*\*\*

**Sunday, December 29 @ 8 pm: Chanukah Party for Grownups! Enjoy a few drinks with friends and chill with the Skokie Valley House Band. To help sponsor go to [www.svaj.org/chanukah-party-2019](http://www.svaj.org/chanukah-party-2019)**

**Shabbat, January 18, 2020: Please join us for "Name Tag Shabbat" - Parshat Shemot. "Where everybody knows your name".**

**Sunday, January 19, 2020 @ 10:00 am: Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob Annual Meeting. Please attend! We will have committee reports and elections of the new slate. (See <https://www.svaj.org/slate-of-officers-2019-2020> for the list.) Voting is open to all full members in good standing. A quorum is required and we urge you to attend. We will be providing online voting information in the coming weeks.**

### **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 in Berger Beit Midrash**

**Interested in becoming a kitchen manager? Please contact Rav Ari [ravari@svaj.org](mailto:ravari@svaj.org) so we can set up a new round of training for all interested in having access to the kitchen and helping out our community!**

### \*\*\*\*\*Youth News\*\*\*\*\*

**Tot Shabbat! We'll meet this week in Berger Beit Midrash stage 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 must be in groups or in shul with you. If children are found wandering the building, they will be brought directly to you. We are asking for your partnership to help keep our children safe and the shul environment peaceful. Thank you! For questions, contact Youth Director Sara Price [children@svaj.org](mailto: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.

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

**Many thanks to Meira Goldman and her committee for all of their hard work on a very successful "Light the Night through Service - Miriam Bromberg z"l Cookie Bake for first responders. This would not have been possible without: Anna Horwitz, Sigalle Shpayher, Rachael Gray-Raff, Mark Bromberg, Corinne Engelhart, Robyn Adelberg, Bonnie Hernandez, Amanda Loewenstern, Tammy Pretekin, Tammi Finestone, Elli Marks, Michael Stein, Rachel Stein, Noah Mishkin, Daniel Wienberg, Sarah Weinberg, Nina Black, Suzanne Mishkin, Ethan Sugar, Debbie Eisenstein, Rav Ari, & all of the families who attended, participated and then delivered the cookies and bracha bags.**

*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](mailto:office@svaj.org) Submissions may be anonymous.*



***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](mailto:office@svaj.org)!***

***Get to Know....Fran Abramson!!***

**Family Info:** I am the proud mother of, as we say in our family, 3 plus 1. Rachel, age 38, lives in Jackson, MI and works with children who have autism; Lauren, of blessed memory; Jonathan, age 32, lives in Chicago with his wife, Nomi and daughter, Orly. Jon currently works at Takeda Pharmaceuticals. Nomi is a health care data analyst with a local company. Lise, age 40, a daughter who came to our family when she was 15, now lives in Sydney, Australia with her husband, Jason and daughter, Kaitlin. Both Jason and Lise are hepatitis C researchers.

**Hometown:** I grew up in West Rogers Park with stops along the way in Israel and Florida before returning to Chicago.

**Profession:** I am a licensed clinical social worker, in private practice and also working at the ARK with specialties in hospice, geriatric care, domestic violence and case management.

**Book:** I am slowly working my way through a book titled "A Rainbow Thread" by Noam Sienna which is a fascinating anthology of Queer Jewish Texts from the First Century to 1969.



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

**December 30- January 3 : School's Out programs run by JCC Chicago at Skokie Valley** during weekdays when school is not in session. School's Out provides an enriching environment for children in grades K-5 when school is closed. Professional staff balances specialized activities with opportunities for independent play. For more information go to: [jccchicago.org/programs/schools-out/](http://jccchicago.org/programs/schools-out/)

*Skokie Valley members are eligible for a special discounted rate -- you must call 844.452.2244 to register to receive the special rate.*

# CHANUKAH PARTY



**Enjoy a few drinks with friends and  
chill with the Skokie Valley House Band.**

**Sunday, December 29, 2019**

**at 8:00 pm**

**Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob**

**Israel Hall (Downstairs)**

**FREE - ADULTS ONLY**