Parshat Nasso
11 Sivan 5781

Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, May 21
7:15 am: Shacharit
Indoors and via Zoom https://zoom.us/j/713951311
passcode 613
6:30 pm: Mincha Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv
Candle lighting: 7:50 pm

Shabbat, May 22
9:00 am: Shacharit
7:50 pm: Mincha/Maariv
Havdalah: 8:54 pm

Sunday, May 23
9:00 am: Shacharit
Mincha/Maariv: 8:00 pm
Mincha/Maariv also in Rosenblum shiva home at 7:55pm

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

Daily Mincha/Maariv
Monday through Thursday at Skokie Valley: 8:00 pm
Monday: Mincha/Maariv also in Rosenblum shiva home at 7:55pm

Daily Shacharit & Mincha/Maariv
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Baruch Dayan HaEmet
It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of founding Skokie Valley member Abe Rosenblum z”l, husband of Florence Rosenblum and father of Andrea, Sherry, Susan and Judy.
The funeral was held on Wednesday. Shiva will be held at the Rosenblum home, 9201 Drake Avenue, Apt. #307. Face masks are required. Visitors are welcome at the following times: Sunday and Monday: 6:30pm - 9:00pm
Mincha/Maariv will be held in the home on Sunday and Monday evenings at 7:55pm.

Thank you to the week’s Kiddush Sponsors
Kiddush this week is sponsored by Doug, Ari, Gabriel, Ayelet, Maddie, and Tovah Klein in honor of Debri’s completion of her multi-year project to leyn the entire Torah.

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:
10 Sivan/May 21 Clara Goldberger z”l (Milton Goldberger)
11 Sivan/May 22 Shirley Simons z”l (Florence Bulmash)
12 Sivan/May 23 Sophie Koven Black z”l (Nina Black)
14 Sivan/May 25 June Steinberg z”l (Ruth Gleicher, Barbara Robinson)
15 Sivan/May 26 Harvey Rosenblatt z”l (Avi Rosenblatt)

For Update on Skokie Valley COVID-19 Policies in Light of New Government Guidance go to:
https://www.svaj.org/covid-policy-5-21
This Week at Skokie Valley

Shabbat, May 22

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.]

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 anyone not vaccinated and join the growing Tot Shabbat community!

Two ways to join friends this Shabbat and Shavuot!

1. 11 am to 12:15 pm: Kiddush-to-Go will be held at Skokie Valley under the big tent on Shabbat and both days of Shavuot.

2. 4-6 pm: Oneg Shabbat hosted by: Debbie & Dan Eisenstein 9125 Keystone

Click here to sponsor a kiddush or oneg!
Sunday, May 23
8:30 am: Halacha in Our Lives with Rav Ari. Halacha comes from the word “to walk,” and its central purpose is to help us walk with God. Each Sunday morning at 8:30, Rav Ari will give a 30-minute shiur on practical halacha, with an eye towards increasing spiritual awareness in our daily living. Email Rav Ari ravari@svaj.org with halachic questions you’d like to be discussed. https://zoom.us/j/713951311 passcode 613

12:00 pm: Skokie Valley Virtual Teen Event with GI AME Church Teen Group: Sharing Celebrations and Cuisine. Shavuot Celebration with discussion and cheesecake. Contact Amanda Lorenz for zoom link and more information drarlorenz@gmail.com

1:00 pm: Benji’s Rocks: Spread a little more kindness in the world with Solu! Join Solu and Yachad on Sunday, May 23, from 1:00 - 2:30 PM to spread kindness around the community! Benji Harris z"l lived his life with kindness and joy, and by making others feel good. Benji’s Rocks was inspired by the way he lived. Together we will create a colorful rock garden with messages of warmth and inspiration, and get to know others in our community in the process. This initiative is a spin-off of the international 'Kindness Rocks Project." Rocks and paint supplies will be provided. RSVP at https://www.yachad.org/chicago/events/21120/benjis-rocks or email Avidan Halivni avidan@solu.us

Thursday, May 27:
11:00 am: Mid-Day Break for Breath and Well-Being with Bobbie Winter. With the winter and most vaccinations behind us, with warmer weather and spring bulbs coming up, this is a good time to focus on emerging from the tight pandemic lockdowns into a wider and more open world around us. What are your goals for moving forward, what are you looking towards doing and what might still keep you back. This will be an interesting
discussion followed by breathing exercises and a guided relaxation and meditation. I look forward to having you join us.

8:00 pm: **Parsha Shiur with Rabbinical Intern Yael Keller:** Get an early look at this week’s parsha. Join Yael to explore themes and delve into the characters of sefer Bamidbar.

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Passcode: 613 One tap mobile +13126266799,873923335225# Meeting ID: 873 9233 5225

**Solu Programs**

Join us for two awesome Solu programs coming up in the next two weeks!

1. **This Sunday, May 23 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm: Benji’s Rocks:** see information above.

2. **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 a 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.

      Donated books must be new or very gently used, high quality, for ages for ages 2-18.

      Do not bring 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!

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**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 this Shabbat and each week moving forward, 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 register at this time. In the coming weeks we will expand the programming and duration of groups - stay tuned!

There are 2 more items on the Amazon wish list of games for our youth group to use while in shul. You can find the list here: [https://a.co/i9DkQbY](https://a.co/i9DkQbY)

**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.**

**JCFS and Skokie Valley**

The past few months have 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 new 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.

Now it’s easier than ever to support Skokie Valley while shopping on the Amazon app at no extra cost to you! Simply follow the instructions on the app to select “Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob Synagogue” as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They’ll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

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Beyond Skokie Valley

Sunday, June 6 @ 5:00 pm CDT: Porat presents Shaping a Vibrant Orthodoxy: Finding Inspiration in Our Religious Lives. This 90-minute panel discussion will include Rabbi Dov Linzer, Ms. Ann Pava, and Dr. Elana Stein Hain, as they discuss steps that we can take individually and as a community to ensure a sense of excitement about our religious lives. For details and registration go to http://poratonline.org/events