

SKOKIE VALLEY

Welcomes you!



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Parshat Nitzavim and Rosh HaShanah 28 Elul- 2 Tishrei 5779/5780 Shabbat Shalom and Shana Tovah!



Friday, September 27

Shacharit: 7:15 am

Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Maariv: 6:30 pm

Candle lighting: 6:20 pm

Shabbat September 28

Shacharit: 9:00 am

Drasha after Musaf: Safety Shabbat

How Skokie Valley is prepared for emergencies

12:30 pm: Talk by Shana Richman: Security trends and how to detect and ward off danger

Mincha/Maariv: 6:15 pm

Havdallah: 7:21 pm

Sunday, September 29

Selichot, Shacharit and Hatarat Nedarim: 8:00 am

Candle Lighting: 6:16 pm

Mincha/Maariv: 6:20 pm

Monday, September 30

Rosh Hashanah 1st Day

Shacharit: 8:30 am

Open Service: 3:30 pm

Mincha/Maariv: 6:20 pm

Candle Lighting: 7:17 pm

Tuesday, October 1

Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day

Shacharit: 8:30 pm

Mincha/Shiur/Maariv: 6:20 pm

Havdalah: 7:15 pm

Wednesday, October 2

Fast of Gedaliah

Start of Fast: 5:37 am

Shacharit: 7:00 am

Mincha/Maariv: 6:05 pm

End of Fast: 7:01 pm

Thursday, October 3

Shacharit: 7:00 am

Slichot/Maariv: 8:00 pm

Welcome new members!

Jason Friend
Brenda Grauer
Avi and Alisa Oler
Eva Saltzman & family

Todah Rabah

Shabbat Security Light Kiddush lunch is sponsored by: Skokie Valley and the Men's Club, Rachel & William Adler, Robin & Michael Anderson, Sara & Yechiel Berkowicz, Linda Forman, Rachel & Michael Stein, Sarah & Daniel Weinberg

Seudah Shlishit is sponsored this week by: Georges & Sol Elgrably on the yahrzeit of Georges' sisters Rachel and Dora; **and by Rich & Monica Magid** on the yahrzeit of Rich's mother, Pearl Magid.

Board of Directors Nominations

The process for elections for the 2020 SVAJ Board of Directors is getting underway, and we need you! If you are interested in being nominated to serve on the 2020 Board of Directors, please talk to David Rubin dmrubin@dmrubin.com, Noam Stadlan nstadlan@aol.com, or Debbie Eisenstein president@svaj.org, or call or email the office. Thank you!

Our Yom Kippur Appeal is well underway. We thank the more than 90 members who have already donated and encourage all to participate!

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

Sunday morning September 29 @ 10 am: Service Day at Skokie Valley! We need your help to set up the social hall for the High Holiday Mechitza Minyan, get the sanctuary ready for the traditional service, pack children's lunches for Rosh Hashanah, and clean up the green room! No need to RSVP, just show up ready to work!

October 5 after Musaf: Shabbat Shuva Drasha

Sunday, October 6: Pre Sukkot decorating party with Keshet

Shabbat October 19, Chol HaMoed Sukkot: Family Sukkah Hop from 4 - 6 pm. See flyer for details.

Monday, October 21 @ 5:30 pm: Simchat Torah Fiesta returns to Skokie Valley! Register at svaj.org/fiesta-dinner or call the office!

November 1-2: Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger of Shorashim will be joining us to share words of Torah and tell us about his journey as a settler in Alon Shvut-Gush Etzion in the biblical inheritance of the tribe of Judah and reaching across the divide to the Palestinian other.

November 8-9: Scholar-in-Residence Sarit Kattan Gribetz. Dr. Gribetz has a PhD in Religion and Jewish Studies and is an assistant professor of Theology at Fordham University. Beginning with a Shabbat dinner, we look forward to learning with her over Shabbat.

November 22-23: Yeshiva Maharat Intern- Liz Shayne. We look forward to learning with her over this Shabbat, and when she returns in February and April.

December 6-7: Scholar-in-Residence Samantha Baskind Dr. Baskind is a Professor of Art History and author many books specializing on Jewish American Art. In addition to speaking over Shabbat, join us for a Motzei Shabbat evening presentation and community art exchange.

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

Weekly classes to resume after Sukkot:

Shabbat @ 12:00: Parasht HaShavuah with Jed Abraham

Monday 8:15 pm after Maariv: Gemorrah with Rabbi Steve Mandel

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

Thursday 8:25 pm after Maariv: Parshat HaShavua with Rav Ari in Berger Beit Midrash

*******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

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

Child Care for High Holidays

New this year! All families must register children for High Holiday childcare for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Our wonderful madrichim are busy planning fun and educational games and activities to keep our youngest members active and engaged over the holidays. "Bracha bingo," "name-the-exotic-fruit," and the "shofar shuffle" are just some of the fun with a serious message that the youth leaders have in store for our children, ages 0 to pre-bar/bat mitzvah.registration. More information and registration at https://www.kolsasson.org/form/hh_5780_childcare.

Groups will include special activities, snacks, and lunches from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm for both days of Rosh Hashanah, and from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Yom Kippur Day. Childcare for Kol Nidre services is for children 4 years-old and older. Cost is \$10/child for Rosh Hashanah, \$15/child for Kol Nidrei, and \$10/child for Yom Kippur.

For the safety and well-being of our community, children must be checked into groups, or stay in the sanctuary during services. We cannot have children outside of these two spaces. We need volunteers to help with: special activities, games, learning, storytelling, even yoga, music or dance; and with preparing and serving food over High Holidays. Contact Sara Price ssolomonprice@gmail.com or the office to volunteer.

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!**

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

Thank you to our musicians Noam Stadlan, Adam Landau, Bryan Gryka, Ross Gordon, Noah Mishkin, Ira Weiss, Tzvi Feifel, Daniel Weinberg, Rav Ari, Zev Goldberg, Steve Singer, and David Sklar and all the participants in our musical Selichot. What an awesome way to bring in the High Holiday season!!

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.

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

Simchat Torah morning, Tuesday October 22 @ 9 am-noon: Skokie Women's Tefillah Group annual Simchat Torah celebration with davening, hakafot, dancing, laining & learning for women and girls, in the Social Hall at Skokie Valley. Hakafot @ 9:45 am, Kiddush at 12. For questions contact: SkokieWTG@gmail.com.

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

School's Out programs run by JCC Chicago - held at Skokie Valley. Go to <https://www.jccchicago.org/programs/schools-out/> for more information. Skokie Valley members get a special discounted rate.

Thank you to our hard working staff, board members and committees. Please contact the office or any one of the following to express your appreciation, as we are so grateful to our volunteers, and to offer your time and talents. We welcome your ideas and involvement.

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Carin Netter - Executive Director

Mark Vernon - Building Supervisor, Osbaldo Villa - Building Maintenance Staff

Sara Price - Youth Director, Lizzie Janssen - Teen Advisor

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