

# SKOKIE VALLEY

*Welcomes you!*



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## Parshat Noach 4 Cheshvan 5780

### Shabbat Shalom!

#### Friday, November 1

Shacharit: 7:15 am  
Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Maariv: 5:35 pm  
Candle lighting: 5:25 pm  
Oneg Shabbat: 8:00 pm in Berger Beit Midrash  
with shiur by **Rav Hanan Schlesinger**

#### Shabbat November 2

Shacharit: 9:00 am  
**Drasha by Rav Hanan Schlesinger**  
Mincha/Maariv: 5:20 pm  
Havdallah: 6:26 pm  
**Community Learning Session with Rav Hanan  
Schlesinger and Shadi Abu Awwad of  
Roots/Shorashim/Judur: 7:30 pm in Israel Hall**

#### Sunday, November 3

Shacharit: 9:00 am  
Mincha/Maariv: 4:35 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!

**Jodi Novick Okner  
Karen & Mendy Zimmerman**

We are so thrilled that we continue to grow as a community! So far we have 35 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!

Mazal tov to **Tammi & Bill Finestone** on the birth of their grandson on October 28 to their children Kyla & Kevin Cira.

Mazal tov to **Amanda & Avi Loewenstern and family** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Leah.

### Baruch Dayan HaEmet

Our deepest condolences to the family of our member, **Bert Kahn z"l**, on his passing this week. Shiva will be held at the Kahn home, 9221 Drake Ave, Apt 207N, Evanston.

### Todah Rabah

**Thank you to Brian Altgold** who took advantage of his company's Matching Gift program to double his donation to Skokie Valley. Ask your Human Resources department if your company has a Matching Gift Program for an opportunity to make your gift go even further!

**Seudah shlishit** is sponsored this Shabbat by **Georges & Sol Elgrably** on the yahrzeit of Georges' sister, Mimy Pinto.

**Don't forget to fall back! Change your clocks this weekend!**



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

**November 1-2: Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger**

Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger of Shorashim (Roots) 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. Prior to Roots, Rav Hanan taught at Nishmat, Yeshivat Bat Ayin, the Pardes Institute and more. He spent 2 years as part of the Judaic Fellows Program in Boca Raton, Florida and over ten years in Dallas, first as the Rosh Kollel of the Community Kollel of Dallas and later as the founder and Executive Directory and Community Rabbinic Scholar of the Jewish Studies Initiative of North Dallas. Please visit [www.friendsofroots.net](http://www.friendsofroots.net) for more information.

**Friday night @ 8 pm: Oneg Shabbat and Shiur with Rav Hanan in Berger Beit Midrash**

**Shabbat After Musaf: Drasha**

**Motzei Shabbat @ 7:30: Community Learning Session and the Work of Roots with Shadi Abu Awwad in Israel Hall**

**November 8-9: Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Sarit Kattan Gribetz**

Join us on November 8 - 9 for our Scholar-in-Residence, Professor Sarit Kattan Gribetz, an up-and-coming scholar who is Assistant Professor of Rabbinic Literature and Classical Judaism at Fordham University. She has also served as Core Faculty at the Drisha Institute for Jewish Education and is currently a Fellow at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Her first book, *Time and Difference in Rabbinic Judaism* will soon be published by Princeton University Press, and she is working on her second book *Jerusalem: A Feminist History*.

**Friday night @ 6:00 pm: Dinner and talk: "Can We Tell a Feminist History of Jerusalem?"**

**Shabbat after Musaf: "The Value of Time: Work, Rest and Making Each Day Sacred"**

**Shabbat afternoon before Mincha: "Hosting the Emperor for Shabbat Lunch: Reading Rabbinic Stories in their Ancient Contexts"**

**Make your dinner reservations at <https://www.svaj.org/gribetz-dinner>. Reservations close on 11/5!**

**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 author many books specializing 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 2 to 8

**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**

**Thursday @ 8:15 pm after Maariv: Parshat HaShavua with Rav Ari in Berger Beit Midrash**

### \*\*\*\*\*Around Skokie Valley\*\*\*\*\*

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](mailto:hospitality@svaj.org) and she will put you on her list of possible hosts.

**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](mailto:meirakatzoff@gmail.com) to get involved.

### \*\*\*\*\*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](mailto: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](mailto:sbchavel@gmail.com)

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

**Many thanks to Judith Horwitz Glassenberg for leading Kol Sasson and being a great partner with Skokie Valley during her tenure as president. Welcome to new Kol Sasson President Debri Klein and the new Board.**

*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.*

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

***Get to Know....Leah & Daniel Neiman!***

**Family Info:** Daniel, Leah, Adin (4.5), and Liav (3)  
**Hometown:** Daniel is from Lincolnwood and Leah is from Toronto  
**Favorite Jewish Food:** Challah & chicken soup with matzah balls  
**Something that we don't know about you:** Daniel had his Bar Mitzvah party at SVAJ, and his parents got married here.  
**How Long Have You Been at Skokie Valley:** 6 months  
**The Last Book Read or Movie You've Seen:** *Downton Abbey*  
**Latkes or Hamentaschen:** Hamentashen  
**Profession:** Valuation Analyst (Daniel), Event Consultant & Doula (Leah)  
**Favorite Guilty Pleasure:** Oberweis Ice Cream (Daniel), Dairy Star Ice Cream (Leah)  
**Favorite City in Israel:** Givat Shmuel--lots of family there.  
**What foreign country would you like to visit that you haven't been to yet?**  
Ecuador and Australia



**\*\*\*\*\*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](http://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.**

**Sunday, November 3: No Shame On U 5th Annual Event** at the Holiday Inn North Shore Skokie. VIP reception at 6 pm, general admission at 7 pm. No Shame on U is a nonprofit dedicated to eliminating the stigma associated with mental health conditions and raising awareness in the Jewish community and beyond. Rav Ari is serving on the host committee for this event. **Tickets at [www.NSOU2019.eventbrite.com](http://www.NSOU2019.eventbrite.com)**

**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 from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM:** 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 by Hilton Chicago North Shore in Skokie. Kindly register at [WWW.NBN.ORG.IL/CHICAGO](http://WWW.NBN.ORG.IL/CHICAGO)

**Special Melaveh Malka Motzei Shabbat, Nov. 17th** at the home of Shari and Azi Feifel (2947 W Jarlat) 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, email : [drinatgreen@kolkoreh.org](mailto:drinatgreen@kolkoreh.org) or visit Kol Koreh's website at [www.kolkoreh.org](http://www.kolkoreh.org)