**Welcome new members!**
Pamela & Moshe Friedman & family  
Rachel & Tzvi Novick & family

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:**
22 Tammuz /July 2  *Nessim Elgrably z”l* (Georges Elgrably)
22 Tammuz/July 2 *Nathan Weinstein z”l* (Grace Weinstein)
23 Tammuz/July 3 *Lauraine Saxonberg z”l* (Robert Bennett)
23 Tammuz /July 3 *Harold J. Feder z”l* (Selma Feder)
25 Tammuz/July 5 *Albert Newfield z”l* (Sandra Mell)
25 Tammuz/July 5 *Charles Kurns z”l* (Alexander Wolf)
26 Tammuz /July 6 *Janet Greenwald z”l* (Judith Jacover)
27 Tammuz/July 7 *Celia Lerman z”l* (Sheldon Lerman)

Rav Ari will be away this summer for the following dates: the weekend of July 4th, and 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.

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

This Week at Skokie Valley

Shabbat, July 3
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: Special kiddush this Shabbat in the big tent to wish l’hitraot and our best wishes to Peter and Sara Price and family on their move to California.

Sponsored by:
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Michael & Robin Anderson
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Rav Ari Hart & Becca Linden
Shelley Kleinman
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Paul Quintas & Bethia Straus
Elliot Raff & Rachael Gray-Raff
Jeremy & Rochel Segall
Joshua & Elisha Shanes
Noam Stadlan & Marianne Novak
Rachel & Michael Stein
Sarah & Daniel Weinberg

and Peter & Sara Price & family in appreciation for Rav Ari and Becca and the whole Skokie Valley community!

Click here to sponsor a kiddush!
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!

Hakarat HaTov to the Membership Committee for the wonderful Wine and Cheese Event last week!

**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:
- **Thursday, July 8, 6:30 - 8:30 PM**: Dinner and Kindness Rocks with the Rohingya Community Center
- **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
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.**

**JCFS and Skokie Valley**
The past year has 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 partnership with JCFS Chicago! For more information, go to: [https://www.jcfs.org/](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](https://www.youtube.com/) for all videos, including Rav Ari’s video drashot and Adult Ed classes.**

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