

SKOKIE VALLEY

Welcomes you!



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Rosh Chodesh Elul Parshat Re'eh 30 Av 5779

Friday, August 30

Shacharit: 7:15 am

Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Maariv: 6:30 pm

Candle lighting: 7:08 pm

Shabbat August 31

Shacharit: 9:00 am

Guest Drasha: Rabba Sara Hurwitz:

"Time Under Tension and the Process of Teshuva"

Mincha/Maariv: 7:05 pm

Havdallah: 8:09 pm

Sunday, September 1

Shacharit: 9:00 am

Mincha/Maariv: 7:23 pm

Daily Shacharit

Labor Day, Monday, September 2: 9:00 am

Thursday: 7:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 7:15 am

Daily Mincha/Maariv

Monday: 7:15 pm

Tuesday through Thursday: 8:00 pm

Welcome New Members!

Ted and Terry Gertz

**Tamara Kushnir Groman & Jeffrey Groman
and family**

Sari & Ira Miller & family

Jerome Sacks

Abbie Weisberg

Bonnie Hernandez

**We also welcome members who have upgraded
from Associate to Full Membership:**

Samantha & Scott Spolter & family

Sam Fleischacker & Amy Reichert & family

Avi & Amanda Loewenstern & family

Tzvi & Metuka Feifel & family

Mazal Tov

Pearl Hirsch on the wedding of her granddaughter.

Todah Rabah

Seudah Shlishit is sponsored this week by **Georges & Sol Elgrably** on the yahrzeit of Georges' brother, Simon Elgrably.

**Please note some changes for this week only
due to the social hall rental. This will be the
last Shabbat we need to make these
changes:**

**Kiddush for Skokie Valley will be held in Berger
Beit Midrash this week. The Social Hall is closed
for a private simcha.**

Coffee Klatch will not meet this week.

High Holiday Information

The schedule of services, as well as information regarding seats, Memorial Book and Yom Kippur appeal donations, can be found on svaj.org at the top of the page under "High Holidays." Please complete these forms by September 1. Thanks!

The process for elections for the 2020 SVAJ Board of Directors is getting underway, and we need you! The Nominating Committee will be meeting in September, and volunteers are needed to serve on this important Committee. If you are interested, 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. If you are interested in being nominated to serve on the 2020 Board of Directors, please let David, Noam or Debbie know as well. Thank you!

Renew Your Membership Today!

It's time to renew your synagogue membership for 2019-2020.

Please go to <https://www.svaj.org/membership-renewal>

Thanks to everyone who has already renewed!

You must renew your membership before reserving your High Holiday seats.

-----Upcoming Events at Skokie Valley-----

High Holiday Classes

Starting on Sunday, September 8, join us for classes that will enhance your understanding and experience during the High Holidays and beyond.

Chassidic Insights into the Holidays: Sundays @ 10:00 am, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22 in the Social Hall

The Akeida: Tuesdays @ 2:00 pm, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24 in Israel Hall

**Tech & Tefilla: Prayer and Devotion in the Digital Age with Rabbanit Sara Wolkenfeld:
Sunday 9/22 @ 7:00 pm**

Jewish Thinkers in the Modern Age

Continuing our popular Sunday night series, we will explore a different leading Jewish thinker each week, taught by scholars and professors from our community and membership.

September 1 @ 6:15 pm: Dr. Joshua Feigelson: "Yitz Greenberg--Debate over Modern Orthodoxy"

Next: September 8 @ 6:00 pm: Dr. Joshua Feigelson: "Yitz Greenberg - Shoah Memory"
Please note earlier start time.

These lectures are free and open to the public. See flyer for complete schedule.
This series is sponsored by Edward and Leah Reicin in memory of Nahum Zalman Stern

Shabbat, September 7, after Mussaf and at 5:45 pm (following Mincha): CJE SeniorLife will present a discussion on Caring for Ourselves and Our Loved Ones: Hard Conversations.

Shabbat, September 14: Baseball Kiddush is back! Go to svaj.org/baseball-kiddush-2019 to be a sponsor!

Shabbat, September 14 @ 5:30 pm: Join us as we dedicate the Miriam Bromberg z'l Youth/Teen Lounge, in honor of Miriam's legacy to provide a cornerstone location for the youth of the synagogue and Skokie to grow and develop.

September 28 - Safety Shabbat. Join us for lunch and important information about safety within our building. Details coming soon.

Monday, October 21 @ 5:30 pm: Simchat Torah Fiesta returns to Skokie Valley!
Register at svaj.org/fiesta-dinner now for early bird pricing!

This Week's Classes at Skokie Valley - August 31 to September 6

Shabbat @ 12:00 pm: Parashat Hashavuah with Jed Abraham.

Monday @ 8:15 pm (right after maariv): Weekly Talmud class with Rabbi Steven Mandel, Masechet Megilla.

Calling all silver polishers! We want to make sure all the silver that adorns the Torahs is clean and shiny for the High Holidays. If you are willing to help polish, please call Carin in the office. Thank you!

We need you to join our Shiva Support Team! Led by Meira Goldman, team members will 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 to get involved.

-----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!

We need to 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-----

Welcome to our new youth director Sarah Price! All parents should have received exciting information from Sara about madrichim training and upcoming programs. If you did not receive these emails, please contact office@svaj.org.

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 on 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!](#)

----Hakarat Hatov – Recognizing the Good-----

Lynn and Sherwin Ditlove would like to thank all those who sponsored and participated in the kiddush in Sherwin's honor last Shabbat, and a special thank you to Rav Ari, Ron Weiner, Carin Netter, Debbie Eisenstein for all their help, and to Tammi Finestone for making this such a special day.

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.



Get to knowJudi & Jerry Jacover!!

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 and we'll be happy to help!

Married almost 50 years, 3 sons, 3 daughters-in-law, five grandkids and one on the way.

Hometown: Judi—Evanston, Jerry—Same

Favorite Jewish food: Judi—noodle kugel, Jerry—chicken soup

Something we don't know about you: Judi—dances with locals at North Carolina Bluegrass jams, Jerry—Built a two-seater outhouse down by our creek in North Carolina

How long at Skokie Valley: 10-15 years

Last Book read: Judi—The Library Book by Susan Orleans

Jerry—The Rational Bible, Genesis by Dennis Prager

Latkes or Hamantashen: Judi—Latkes Jerry—Same

Profession: Judi—retired high school media librarian, Jerry—retired intellectual property law attorney

Favorite Guilty Pleasure: Judi—ice cream, Jerry—ice cream, but doesn't feel any guilt

Favorite City in Israel: Judi—Jerusalem, Jerry—Haifa

What Foreign Country Would You like to visit: Judi—Prague, Czech Republic, Jerry—None



SKOKIE VALLEY AGUDATH JACOB

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HIGH HOLIDAY CLASSES

CHASSIDIC INSIGHTS INTO THE HOLIDAYS

The Chassidic masters revealed beautiful, creative, and daring interpretations of what the High Holidays are all about. Come learn how you can understand and experience these Awesome Days in new ways (and learn a new niggun or two).

Sundays at 10:00am, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22 in the Social Hall

THE AKEIDAH

Come join us as we approach what is perhaps the most complex and challenging narrative in the Rosh Hashana liturgy, the Binding of Isaac. Bring your best challenges and prepare to be surprised.

Tuesdays at 2:00pm, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24 in Israel Hall

TECH AND TEFILLAH: PRAYER AND DEVOTION IN THE DIGITAL AGE WITH RABBANIT SARA WOLKENFELD

The digital age has brought the world to our fingertips, and with it a world of distractions follows us wherever we go. We can communicate instantly with friends and family, and hundreds of strangers with greater ease than at any time in human history - but can we get in touch with ourselves and nourish interiority, sincerity, and religious sensibilities? This class will explore the age-old challenge of cultivating a robust and vibrant prayer life, through the prism of contemporary challenges and opportunities of digital technology.

Sunday 9/22 at 7:00pm

Special Guest!

