

SKOKIE VALLEY

Welcomes you!



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Shabbat Mevarchim Parshat Re'eh 25 Av 5780

Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, August 14

7:30 am: Shacharit

6:00 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat with singing
Zoom only

<https://zoom.us/j/713951311>

6:45 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat
Tefillah in Social Hall with kaddishes,
for pre-registered members only.
and also via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/713951311>

Candle lighting: 7:32 pm

Shabbat August 15

9:00 am: *For pre-registered members only*

Mincha: 7:35 pm

Havdallah: 8:33 pm

Daily Shacharit

9:00 am Sunday

7:30 am Monday through Friday

For pre-registered members only and via Zoom

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Daily Mincha/Maariv

7:35 pm: *For pre-registered members only* and
via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/713951311>

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See instructions below for registering
for indoor tefillot.

Yahrzeits:

26 Av/ Aug 16 Florence Schvimer z"l (Jeffrey Schvimer)
27 Av/Aug 17 Stanley Bloch z"l (Nathan Bloch)
28 Av/Aug 18 Paul Hyman Meyer z"l (Lois Meyer)
29 Av/Aug 19 Jennie Ariff Evans z"l (Elaine Small)
29 Av/Aug 19 Lillian Newfield z"l (Sandra Mell)
29 Av/Aug 19 Arnold Steinberg (Ruth Gleicher, Barbara
Robinson)

**Access up-to-date information about
reopening, indoor tefillot, future outdoor
activities, etc. by going to our [COVID-19
Resource page](#) on [SVAJ.org](#).**

**Download our new mobile app, with links to our
calendar and our virtual offerings:
<https://www.svaj.org/getapp>**

**It's time to renew your membership!
Go to
<https://www.svaj.org/membership-renewal>
and renew today!**

**Rav Ari will be taking some time off
with his family. If there is a rabbinic
emergency, he will still be reachable
by phone. For all other matters,
please contact the office at
office@svaj.org or 847-674-3473.**

While we are still formulating our plans for High Holiday services, you may now submit names for the Skokie Valley Annual Memorial Book. Go to [High Holidays](https://www.svaj.org/hh-5781) <https://www.svaj.org/hh-5781> to access the form.

Tefillah Registration

Pre-registration is required to attend weekday and Shabbat tefillot. Before registering, you must read our safety protocols [here](#). Each participant must be a member and pre-registered.

For those who wish to participate, there are two steps that are required:

Step 1: Register for tefillah participation at Skokie Valley. We ask that those who registered for outdoor tefillah register again as we have updated the guidelines for indoor tefillah.

[Click here for tefillah registration.](#) If you need help registering, please call the office 847-674-3473.

Step 2: Sign up for specific tefillot. You will receive a link to the sign up form when you complete your registration in step 1.

Melton at Skokie Valley

Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob is thrilled to partner with the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning to offer the very best in adult education classes to our Jewish community.

The Melton experience is like none other. It offers a cutting edge and highest quality curriculum for adult development at the Florence Melton Center at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. With a faculty of master teachers, Melton creates a special community of learners who are inspired to explore and to experience, to challenge and to define what Judaism means for themselves and their children.

These high quality, text-based interactive Jewish Studies classes include source materials and require your commitment and tuition.

We are pleased to offer these course offerings virtually, via Zoom, until it is safe to meet in person, and are thrilled to have Skokie Valley members, who are accomplished educators, teaching these classes that have been created for our community. Visit our dedicated webpage for detailed information:

<https://meltonschool.org/schools-category-north-america/skokie>

We are offering to **Skokie Valley members only** a discount of \$50 off the cost of tuition. Please use code **SV50** on the registration form.

Please go to our registration page [Melton at Skokie Valley](#) for course schedules, descriptions, and to register. Need based scholarships are available - please contact Rav Ari directly at ravari@svaj.org

Rosh Hashanah booklet: This Rosh Hashanah will be like no other. Skokie Valley is seeking new ways to connect our community as we celebrate the new year together and apart. We are compiling a booklet with Shanah Tovah messages, Rosh Hashanah memories, tefillah meditations and reflections and other special surprises.

[Click here](#) for the form to share your submission to the booklet. Your messages and reflections will help enhance our community's observance of the 5781 holiday season. Please contact Rachael Gray-Raff at Morahrgr@gmail.com with your questions.

This Week's Programming

Shabbat August 15:

9:30 am, 10:30 am: Tot Shabbat in the Park! Join us as we safely meet outdoors with Tot Shabbat in the Park! Meet at Timber Ridge Park. Bring your own blanket/chairs and snacks. **Pre-registration required!**

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10WGaVg1uwMQqj47mFDexAckX3401JfM3snu_xmbbcdY/edit#gid=0

Sunday, August 16:

Halacha in Our Lives will resume on 8/23

7:00 pm: Idolatry & Identity continues with (Re)constructing Jewish Identity in the 19th and 20th Centuries.

Taught by our member, Dr. Joshua Shanes, Associate Professor of Jewish Studies and Director of the Arnold Center for Israel Studies at the College of Charleston. He will compare and contrast the rise of new religious denominations in Western Europe - particularly Orthodoxy - with competing denominations in Eastern Europe and above all, Zionism. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89729720967> Meeting ID: 897 2972 0967

One tap mobile: +13126266799,,89729720967#

Wednesday August 19:

3:00 pm: Dance for Life: Tune in to this easy to follow Dance for Your Life exercise program. This is a 30-minute dance routine in your chair--safe, fun and gets your whole body moving!

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86524548969> **Password: 613**

Thursday August 20:

11:15 am: Skokie Valley Lunch Club with Bobbie Winter: Join Bobbie Winter, LCSW, for a cup of coffee and informal conversation, sharing common issues in managing the new normal of life during a pandemic. The discussion will be ended with a few minutes of a breathing and relaxation exercise in order to prepare everybody for Jen's wonderful exercise program which follows, and as a midday break. <https://zoom.us/j/713951311>

12:00 pm: Stop giving yourself back pain! Zoom in with Jen Cohen, a Physical Therapist specializing in orthopedics. Learn how to take care of your body while working from home. We will do useful stretches and mobility exercises right from your desk. This will help you stay healthy and prevent injuries while working from your home office/dining room table/tv tray in the playroom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87537313419>

7:00 pm: Haftorah of the Week. Join us for a discussion that explores the Haftorah, its significance, context and connections to the weekly Torah portion. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87522959697>

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Communal resources:

[Schedule some one on one time with Ray Ari](#)
[Chicago Jewish Community Support](#)
[COVID-19 and Domestic Abuse Resources](#)
[COVID-19 and Child Abuse](#)
[SHALVA COVID-19 Orthodox Outreach](#)

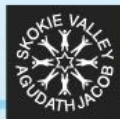
Join our WhatsApp groups!

[Women of Skokie Valley](#)
[Skokie Valley Chessed Corps](#)
[Let's Share Torah](#)

Beyond Skokie Valley

August 19 and September 9 at 8pm: Skokie Women's Tefillah Group Zoom Tefillah Workshops with Rabbanit Sara Wolkenfeld. Prepare in Elul for the holidays, and enhance your personal prayer and understanding of the tefillot. Wednesdays 8/19 and 9/9 at 8 pm. For details and registration:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScTrOhLSu6zqbf9PMVr3kDkwEko4gbR8YXMh031pvZwzAVTjw/viewform>



SKOKIE VALLEY AGUDATH JACOB PRESENTS

(RE) CONSTRUCTING JEWISH IDENTITY IN THE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURIES



Since the middle ages, Jews lived in autonomous communities that clearly defined the meaning and obligations of Jewishness. The rise of the modern centralized state in the 19th century, and the impact of Enlightenment and secularization, radically transformed this reality and, in response, Jews reconstructed their identities. These classes will compare and contrast the rise of new religious denominations in Western Europe—particularly Orthodoxy—with competing denominations of Eastern Europe, above all Zionism.



Joshua Shanes

Join Us August 16 and 23 • 7pm

All classes will be over Zoom. Note: Zoom link and password for all sessions will be sent in Skokie Valley daily emails.

Joshua Shanes (a member of Skokie Valley) is Associate Professor of Jewish Studies, and Director of the Arnold Center for Israel Studies, at the College of Charleston. He has published widely on modern Jewish politics, culture and religion in both academic and popular outlets, and is currently writing a monograph on the history of Orthodoxy.

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