

SKOKIE VALLEY

Welcomes you!



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Shavuot 6-7 Sivan 5780

Chag Sameach!

**Our physical building is temporarily closed,
but our community is always open!**

**Erev Shavuot
Thursday, May 28
Yizkor 10:00 am**

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

**Candle lighting 7:58 pm
Make Eruv Tavshilin!**

**Shavuot 1st Day
Friday, May 29
Candle lighting: 7:58 pm**

**Shabbat and Shavuot 2nd Day
May 30
Yizkor: At Home
Havdallah: 9:02 pm**

Shacharit together: 8:00 am weekdays
Mishna learning in memory of those for whom we
are saying kaddish 8:30 am

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

Mincha/Maariv together: 8:05 pm
<https://zoom.us/j/713951311>

Mazal Tov to:

**Metuka & Zvi Feifel and big sister Noa on the
birth of a baby boy!**

**Tali and Michael Gevaryhu and big brother Simon
on the birth of a baby girl!**

Yahrzeits:

This week Skokie Valley commemorates the following
yahrzeits. May their memories be a blessing:

- 6 Sivan/ May 29 Dinnia Glassner z"l (Ellyce Glassner,
Sharon Glassner)
- 6 Sivan/May 29 Samuel Rosenblum z"l (Abe Rosenblum)
- 7 Sivan/May 30 Sarah Pais z"l (Edith Klein)
- 8 Sivan/May 31 Bernice Smolin z"l (Harlan Smolin)
- 9 Sivan/June 1 Etta Drazner z"l (Florence Bulmash)
- 10 Sivan/June 2 Clara Goldberger z"l (Milton Goldberger)
- 11 Sivan/June 3 Shirley Sarah Simons z"l (Florence
Bulmash)
- 12 Sivan/June 4 Sophie Koven Black z"l (Nina Black)

**Download our new mobile app, with links to our
calendar and our virtual offerings:**

<https://www.svaj.org/getapp>

Communal resources:

[Schedule some one on one time with Rav Ari](#)
[Online Group Check-in](#)
[Skokie Valley Communal Support--offers and
requests](#)
[Chicago Jewish Community Support](#)

Join our WhatsApp groups!

[Women of Skokie Valley](#)
[Skokie Valley Chesed Corps](#)
[Madrichim Led Family Activities Group](#)
[Let's Share Torah](#)

Shavuot and Shabbat Times

Yom Tov Times, Tefillot and Page Numbers

For information on the times, tefillot and page numbers for Yom Tov and Shabbat, please [see here](#).

Yizkor

Since we will not be davening together over yuntiv, for those who wish to gather we will hold a Yizkor service on **Thursday, 5/28 at 10:00am**.

This service will consist of the regular yizkor liturgy, with words of introduction and Yizkor melody at the beginning and conclusion.

You can join here: <https://zoom.us/j/713951311> or by phone at 312-626-6799, meeting ID 713-951-311.

You can find the entire Yizkor service [here](#) .

To make a donation of tzedaka in memory of a loved one, please [click here](#). Donations will go towards our annual campaign to help the shul continue to provide programming and support long into the future.

Torah Siyum - Skokie Valley Completes the Entire Torah!

On Shavuot we celebrate the Jewish people receiving the Torah. What better way to observe than by collectively completing a siyum, completion, of the Torah over chag!

In order to make sure that we don't miss even one of the 79,976 words, we have created a sign in sheet. **Please [click here](#) to enter your name next to a few chapters of the Torah here, and then make sure to study those chapters over the Holiday!**

On Sunday, May 31st we'll have a celebratory zoom-siyum at 9:30am.

Annual Campaign Update: We reopened our 2nd Annual Campaign as the needs of our community continue to emerge. We are currently at \$45,000 raised towards our \$60,000 goal.

A huge thank you to all who have already given! To those who are able but have not had the opportunity to give yet, please go to "Donate" on our website. The campaign closes June 1.

Shop on Amazon and support Skokie Valley at the same time! Many of you are taking advantage of shopping from home using Amazon during this crisis. If you use the Amazon Smile link when you shop and indicate Skokie Valley as your charitable organization - we get cash! This is a great way to make your purchases go further. Make your shopping count! It works!

Go to this unique link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2477806> or **click the Amazon logo at the top of the Skokie Valley webpage svaj.org**, which will bring you to our Amazon Smile page. Then shop as usual! For everything you buy, Amazon will donate a small part of your purchase price to Skokie Valley. It's that simple!

Ask your friends and family to go to smile.amazon.com when they shop and designate Skokie Valley as their chosen charity. Shopping and prices are the same, and you retain your Prime membership benefits.

It's so easy to support our shul as you shop on Amazon!

Do you have a skill, knowledge or interest that you want to share with our community? In the past weeks members have added Coffee talks, Haftorah classes , Pirkei Avot.to our weekly Zoom offerings. Please contact Rav Ari ravari@svaj.org, or the office office@svaj.org.

Looking for a fun and meaningful way to bring your family together, help those fighting COVID-19, and support our beloved local kosher restaurants, all the same time?

Larry Engelhart of DejaViews has created "The Family Porchtrait Project" to benefit Skokie Valley's Food for First Responders and local Kosher restaurants program.

A Porchtrait is a 15 minute photo session on your front porch, sidewalk, etc, using social distancing guidelines. Deja Views is doing this service at no charge, but they are asking for a minimum donation of \$40 is required to Skokie Valley's Food for First Responders initiative, supporting local Kosher restaurants and first responders.

So far donations from Porchtraits have totaled more than \$3,500, feeding hundreds of first responders at hospitals and medical centers around Chicago.

**If you haven't had your family's photo taken, there's still time!
For more information or to schedule a time slot, call DejaViews at 877-DejaViews or email: photos@DejaViewsUSA.com.**

Stay connected on Zoom! If you have a computer, it is easy to join these classes! Classes also appear on the home page of svaj.org--just click on the name of each class for the link to join!

Sunday through Friday

Sunday @ 9:30 am, Monday through Thursday @ 8:30 am: Ten Minute Mishna Learning: All are welcome for a short, ten minute mishna learning. Mishnayot will be learned in the memory of those for whom community members are saying kaddish. At the beginning of each learning session we will recite the names of those whom we are remembering.

Tuesday June 2:

2:00 pm: The Book of Genesis: Join us for a deep study of the book of Genesis, with selected midrashim and commentators.

Wednesday June 3:

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!

Thursday June 4:

11:30 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. All are welcome. Roberta Winter is a clinical social worker with 50 years of experience and is a registry care manager at Shirley Ryan Abilitylab, formerly known as the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, with a specialty as a support group facilitator.

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.

3:00 pm: Parsha and Stories: Kids and families are welcome for Parsha and stories with Rav Ari and special guests!

7:00 pm: Haftorah of the Week: Join us for a discussion led by Michael Stein that explores the Haftorah, its significance, context and connections to the weekly Torah portion.

Friday June 5:

2:00 pm: Tot Tefillah! Join us to welcome Shabbat with our beloved Tot Shabbat songs.

6:30 pm: Welcoming Shabbat: One hour before Shabbat, we will be getting in the Shabbat spirit with prayerful song and maybe even some dance!

Misheberach for Cholim: In order to ensure that we are offering a misheberach for members of our community in need of physical, emotional and/or spiritual healing, please enter the names of those for whom you wish a prayer to be said on the misheberach form. **If you enter a name on the list, we request that you renew it each month the person is in need of healing.** The list will be cleared on Shabbat Mevarchim each month. You may find the form at <https://www.svaj.org/misheberach>, or call the office with the information at 847-674-3473.

Beyond Skokie Valley

June 2, 4-5 pm: Bikku Cholim training: JCFS and Sharsharet are presenting a one hour training via Zoom for shul chesed/caring committees making calls to congregants. The program includes some Torah, virtual handouts, practical suggestions, and a role play.

If you are interested, email ElizabethUry@jcfs.org to register or with any questions.