

SKOKIE VALLEY

Welcomes you!



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Shabbat Mevarchim Parshat Shekalim Mishpatim 27 Shevat 5780

Shabbat Shalom!

Welcome Scholar in Residence
Rabbi Dr. Devorah Schoenfeld

Friday, February 21

Shacharit: 7:15 am

Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Maariv: 5:21 pm in Berger

Candle lighting: 5:11 pm

Shabbat February 22

Shacharit: 9:00 am

Following Musaf: Rabbi Dr. Devorah Schoenfeld
"Interpretations of Song of Songs"

4:45 pm: Rabbi Dr. Devorah Schoenfeld
"Teaching Judaism in a Catholic University"

Mincha: 5:10 pm

Havdallah: 6:15 pm

Sunday, February 23

Shacharit: 9:00 am

Mincha/Maariv: 5:25 pm

Daily Shacharit

Monday through Thursday: 7:00 am

Friday: 7:15 am

Daily Maariv

Monday through Thursday: 8:00 pm

Please help ensure there is a minyan at all weekday Tefillot! We know it's cold and the weather can be bad--we greatly appreciate your efforts in supporting our community.

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

Welcome new members!

Alisa Ungar-Sargon & Alexander (Sasha)
Gutfraind

Lauren Grodnicki & Larry Kirby & family

Are you new or newish to our shul? Please make sure to take a colored cup at kiddush for your drink so we can give you a warm Skokie Valley welcome!

Mazal Tov!

Mazal Tov to Dan and Debbie Eisenstein on the engagement of their son Ben to Rachel Dobkin of Pittsburgh, PA.

Todah Rabah

Seudah Shlishit is sponsored by **Georges & Sol Elgrably** on the yahrzeit of Georges' brother, Meyer Elgrably; and by **Doug & Debri Klein** upon Doug's finishing saying kaddish for his grandmother, Evelyn Brooks Emanuel, Chava Leah bas Sena, a/k/a "Nanny".

We are so thrilled that we continue to grow as a community! Thank you for warmly welcoming our new members.

To host a new family for a Shabbat meal please contact Rachel Stein simesstein@gmail.com

Thank you to our Shabbat Mevarchim kiddush sponsors this week:

Marsha & Rick Arons in memory of Rick's parents, Beatrice & Bertram Arons

Bobbie & Barry Berkowitz

Sherwin & Lynn Ditlove

Tammi & Bill Finestone

Josh Goldman & family in honor of Meira, the best mom and wife! We love you!

Tammy & Louis Pretekin on the yahrzeit of Louis' father, Robert Lapinsky

Amy Reichert and Sam Fleischacker on the yahrzeit of Amy's father, Ralph Reichert.

Abe & Florence Rosenblum with a big thank you to Don Karger and Brian Altgold for all their kindness.

Robert Rothstein in memory of Mother Luba bat Reb Moshe haKohen, and father HaRav Shmuel ben Natan

Samantha & Scott Spolter Hakarat HaTov to all that provided us with delicious meals while Samantha recovered from surgery.

Ron Weiner

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, we will be sending a monthly link to a form where you can enter the names of those for whom you wish a prayer to be said. All names on this list will be personally recited by a gabbai or gabbait every day when Torah is recited, in addition to being included in the prayers of individuals in our community. **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--**February 22** for Adar. You may find the form at <https://www.svaj.org/misheberach>. You may also call the office with the information at 847-674-3473.

Please help community member Rabbi Sam Feinsmith complete a siyum of Mishnah in memory of his father. Sign up here - [Http://hadranalach.com/index.php?action=mt_view&id=1084](http://hadranalach.com/index.php?action=mt_view&id=1084)

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

February 22 @ 8 pm: Interested in helping to create and sustain our warm community? Please consider helping out on the membership committee! Join our meeting, e-mail Leah at leahdneiman@gmail.com for details. Your time commitment could be as little or as big as you can manage!

Sunday, February 23 @ 1:30-3:00 pm: Mirele Goldsmith, founder of the Jewish Earth Alliance. Event co-sponsored by Kol Sasson, Orot and Hazon. "Responding to Climate Change with Jewish Wisdom and Community: What We Can Do Together!" How is climate change impacting the Jewish community in Chicago, in Israel and around the world? How can you help? Join us for learning and inspiration as we explore answers to these questions informed by Jewish tradition and the latest research.

Friday night, February 28 @ 8:15 pm: Calling all 13-18 year olds! A Teen Oneg will be held in the Teen Lounge. We'll have great food and an opportunity for a lively "Ask The Rabbi Anything" conversation. Please RSVP by February 21st and you will receive a link to submit questions anonymously to Rav Ari.

Saturday, February 29 @ 8:40 pm: Broomball is back! Put on your padding and prepare for an evening of slipping, sliding and fun! RSVP and details at svaj.org/broomball-2020! Adults only.

Sunday, March 8, @ 1-1:45 pm: Skokie Valley/Gidwitz Event at Gidwitz Place. To help the Skokie Valley community build intergenerational relationships, Gidwitz Place, a Jewish assisted living facility in Deerfield, will be hosting Skokie Valley kids, ages 6 to 9, to do art projects with the residents. Since this is a new, untried event, Gidwitz has asked that we limit attendance to no more than 10 kids, so this is a first come, first served opportunity. Due to the limited number of children that can participate, **please RSVP by March 1 to Lena Bromberg lena@bromberg.net.** Parents are encouraged to carpool and to stay and participate! If you are able to carpool, please email Lena.

Sunday Night Seminar Speaker Series: A Deeper Dive featuring scholars in our community. **March 8 @7:30 pm:** We will start with **Rabbi Marianne Novak** presenting "The Haggadah" as a cornerstone of our home liturgical practice reflecting our key sacred narrative, and one of the first Jewish 'wiki' projects. **On May 24 and 31 @6:30 pm, Dr. Malka Simkovich** will speak about "Jewish Vocabulary in the Ancient World"; and beginning on **July 12 @6:30 pm, Dr. Sam Fleischacker** will speak about "What is Idolatry?" Stay tuned for more details!

Tuesday, March 10, 4:40-6:30 pm: Purim Palooza! Fun, Games and Food! Sponsors are needed now to determine how awesome the event will be. Go to <https://www.svaj.org/purim-palooza-2020> to register and sponsor! See flyer for details!

Shabbat, March 13-14: Artist in Residence Jordan Gorfinkel. "Gorf" is a cartoonist, musician, producer and director and the creator of the Passover Haggadah Graphic Novel. We have an amazing program planned: Friday night at 8:30, Oneg Shabbat at the home of Marsha & Rick Arons; Shabbat after Musaf: "Moses and Superman: What Superheroes Teach Us About Judaism & What Judaism Teaches Us About Superheroes"; Seudah shlishit after mincha @6:35: "Everything I Learned About Passover I Learned From Batman!" And after Shabbat at 8:15 pm, Gorf will host a Cartooning Workshop for First Graders up to adults. \$10 per person, \$25 max per family. **Register for the workshop at <https://www.svaj.org/cartoon-workshop>** See flyer for more details.

Shabbat, March 20-21: JOFA Shabbaton at Skokie Valley. Details soon.

This Week's Classes at Skokie Valley

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

Monday @ 7:15 pm before Maariv: Gemara Megillah with Rabbi Steve Mandel, Berger Beit Midrash

Tuesday @ 2:00 pm: Bereshit with Rav Ari, Israel Hall

Thursday @ 10:00 am: BYOK (Bring Your Own Kid) with Rav Ari. Learning for parents with children in the playroom at the end of the school wing (Multi-purpose Room). Children are welcome to come play with our toys while parents learn with Rav Ari! We are studying Hilchot Deot of the Rambam.

*******Youth News*******

Tot Shabbat! We'll meet this week in Berger Beit Midrash from 10:30-11:15 am. Tot Shabbat is for children between the ages of 0-4. Each child must be accompanied by an adult. For children already in groups, please pick up your child and head upstairs **for songs, tefillah, and fun!**

We need parents to help lead Tot Shabbat! [Click here to sign up!](#)

For the safety and security of our kids, children should be in groups or in shul with a caretaker. If children are found wandering the building, they will be brought directly to you. Thank you for your partnership in helping keep our children and community safe. For questions, contact Youth Director Sara Price children@svaj.org

Children's Groups begin at 9:30 am in four separate classrooms, with early babysitting available starting at 9:15 am. To keep our rooms safe and clean, please do not bring lollipops or sticky candy into groups.

Teen Homework Night! Weekly on Tuesday nights, from 7-9, there will be homework nights in the teen lounge! Bring friends and homework! Snacks will be provided. Please enter through the side door in the alley.



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!

Get to Know...Jenni Richton and Eliyahu Rosen!!

Hometown: Miami Beach, FL (Jenni); Skokie, IL (Eliyahu)
Favorite Jewish Food: Tam Tams
Something that we don't know about you: We got engaged on the Subway in New York City (there is a YouTube video to prove it!)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AWhclYbqJEQ>
How Long Have You Been at Skokie Valley: 1.5 years, but Eliyahu's family also came here when he was 8 years old
The Last Book Read: *The Pout-Pout Fish*
Latkes or Hamentaschen: Latkes (Obviously)
Guilty Pleasure: Trader Joe's Scandinavian Swimmers
What foreign country would you like to visit that you haven't been to yet? Peru



*******Beyond Skokie Valley*******

Metropolitan Chicago Jewish Population Study: Every ten years, a study is conducted in the Chicagoland area to measure the size of our Jewish community and determine its unique needs. This spring, NORC at the University of Chicago in partnership with Brandeis University are conducting the Metropolitan Chicago Jewish Population Study – a survey of our Jewish community in the Chicagoland area. The survey asks questions regarding characteristics, behaviors, attitudes, and needs of community members to inform future planning. The study is sponsored by the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago. You may receive a letter, an email, and/or a phone call from NORC at the University of Chicago asking for your participation in this survey. Because this is a scientific survey, you may or may not receive a survey invitation. If you are invited, we encourage you to respond and participate.

Thursday, March 19 @ 6:00 pm: Two Films "Final Transports" and "Childhood Lost" at the Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive in Skokie. Join Illinois Holocaust Museum and WTTW for the premiere of two new 30-minute documentaries featuring Chicagoland Survivors. The red carpet premiere at the Museum will include light refreshments and post-screening Q&A with all four featured Chicagoland Survivors. Free to the public. Reservations required.

RSVP: <https://18161.blackbaudhosting.com/18161/tickets?tab=2&txobjid=4d255650-33e9-4afe-af97-960114e7d0c6>

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 MORE INFO: 847-674-3473 SVAJ.ORG / EMAIL: OFFICE@SVAJ.ORG

Join us

For a Very Special Scholar in Residence!

FRIDAY NIGHT 8:30^{PM} MAR 13TH
 Oneig Shabbat at the home of Marsha & Rick Arons, 8737 Central Park Ave., Skokie

SHABBAT AM SAT MAR 14TH (after Musaf)
 Moses and Superman: What Superheroes Teach Us about Judaism & What Judaism Teaches Us about Superheroes

SEUDAH SHLISHIT (following Mincha at 6:35)
 Everything I Learned about Passover, I Learned from Batman!

AFTER SHABBAT, 8-15^{PM}
 Cartooning Workshop! \$10 per person, \$25 max per family, Grade 1 to adult.

Register:
svaj.org/cartoonworkshop

Jordan Gorfinkel ("Gorf"): Cartoonist, musician, producer, director Gorf is the Creator/Writer/Producer of the Passover Haggadah Graphic Novel (Karen Publications). The beautiful and functional full-length narrative art version of the traditional Passover Seder table guidebook engages people of all backgrounds and faiths in the universal stories and rituals of slavery and freedom. His branchchild is JewishCartoon.com, a weekly featured in newspapers and online. Among his many talents is the Jewish Cartoon Workshop, guiding participants in using professional tools to create Jewish humor cartoons just like the professionals do, and then collecting them into a comic book for everyone to share and enjoy (and learn from). For nearly a decade, Gorf managed a team of writers, artists and creators on the Batman franchise for DC Comics.