Shabbat Mevarchim Parshat Shemot
25 Tevet 5781

Shabbat Shalom

Friday, January 8
7:15 am: Shacharit
Indoors for pre-registered members only
and via Zoom [https://zoom.us/j/713951311](https://zoom.us/j/713951311)
passcode 613

4:27 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat
Indoors for pre-registered members only
Candle lighting: 4:17 pm

Shabbat, January 9
9:00 am: Shacharit
Indoors for pre-registered members only

4:15 pm: Mincha/Maariv
Indoors for pre-registered members only

Havdala: 5:20 pm
Virtual Havdala: 5:30 pm
via Zoom [https://zoom.us/j/713951311](https://zoom.us/j/713951311)
passcode 613

Daily Shacharit
9:00 am Sunday
7:00 am Monday & Thursday
7:15 am Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
Indoors for pre-registered members only
and via Zoom [https://zoom.us/j/713951311](https://zoom.us/j/713951311)
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Daily Mincha/Maariv
4:25 pm Sunday to Thursday
Indoors for pre-registered members only
and via Zoom [https://zoom.us/j/713951311](https://zoom.us/j/713951311)
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Welcome New Members!
Ilana & John Flemming & family
Davita & Tzvi Robinson & family

Baruch Dayan HaEmet
Skokie Valley extends our deep condolences to Debi Crystal (Howie Farkas) on the passing of her mother, Judith Crystal. Debi will sit shiva on zoom using the following link: [https://zoom.us/s/713951311](https://zoom.us/s/713951311), password 613 at the following dates and times:
Friday 1/8: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday 1/9: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Sunday 1/10: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Monday 1/11: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Our condolences also to the family of Eva Perkal.

Yahrzeits:
24 Tevet/Jan 8 Sam Cohen z”l (Dorothy Cohen)
24 Tevet/Jan 8 Helen Stern z”l (Miriam Latinik)
24 Tevet/Jan 8 Larry Schuster z”l (Tammy Pretekin)
25 Tevet/Jan 9 Hyman Nagorsky z”l (Sy Nagorsky)
26 Tevet/Jan 10 Sara Grossman z”l (Shelly Auslander)
27 Tevet/Jan 11 Samuel Rabinowitz z”l (Evelyn Gordon)
28 Tevet/Jan 12 Freha Elgrably z”l (Georges Elgrably)
28 Tevet/Jan 12 Morton Wishnoff z”l (Dorie Chez)
28 Tevet/Jan 12 Gary Rosenfeld z”l (Judith Smolin)
29 Tevet/Jan 13 Rose and David Isaacson z”l (Barry Isaacson)
29 Tevet/Jan 12 Rabbi Sidney Rothstein z”l (Robert Rothstein)
1 Shevat/Jan 14 Benjamin Alter z”l (Bernard Alter)

To register for in-person tefillot (members only): [https://www.svaj.org/form/tefillah-attendance.html](https://www.svaj.org/form/tefillah-attendance.html)

Save the date:
Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob
Annual meeting Sunday, January 24 @
10:00 am via zoom
This Week at Skokie Valley

Motzei Shabbat, January 9
5:30 pm: Virtual Havdalah!  https://zoom.us/j/713951311  Passcode: 613

Sunday, January 10:
8:30 am: Halacha in our Lives with Rav Ari.  https://zoom.us/j/713951311 passcode 613

Monday, January 11:
7:30 pm: Join us for our new class A Taste of Melton: Jewish-Muslim Relations.
The State of Israel continues to make connections in the Muslim world. What is the history of Jewish-Muslim relations that can inform this new reality? Join Rabbi Moshe Simkovich to explore this topic as an introduction to the Melton series. See flyer below for details.
Zoom:  https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89052890640?pwd=SVhCTmRRjRRbkNZOTIrWc4Y296QT09
Passcode 613
More information about the 10 class series:  https://www.events.org/eReg.aspx?e=135772

Tuesday, January 12
2:00 pm: The Book of Genesis with Rav Ari  https://zoom.us/j/713951311 passcode 613

Thursday, January 14
11:15 am: Mid-Day Break for Breath and Well-Being with Bobbie Winter: Have grey skies and escalating Covid reports got you down? Have you gone through your "to do" list and watched all the videos you care to see? Is it harder to motivate yourself for daily tasks? Then Skokie Valley has what you need: a mid-day break with a nice cup of coffee or tea and a mood-elevating 45 minutes with friendly people, along with guided breathing and relaxation to help you through the rest of the day. The group is looking forward to welcoming you.
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86100712972?pwd=STlpNWVnZG42S0ZYVFytB3dmdyUHZRZz09  Passcode 613 Meeting ID: 861 0071 2972 One tap mobile +13126266799,,86100712972#

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?pwd=SHBQAzIwyzYzSjArNkFBUowSGd6Zz09  Passcode: 613

8:00 pm: Parsha Shiur with Rabbinical Intern Yael Keller.
Zoom:  https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87392335225?pwd=T21mZG9wcVI0cTBRWthiSTBEMOFIZz09
Passcode: 613
One tap mobile +13126266799,,87392335225#  Meeting ID: 873 9233 5225

Save the date! Monday, January 18 @7:30 pm: Bake Bagels with Leah!
Know someone who recently moved to Skokie who might be a good fit for our shul? Make sure to let the membership committee know! Please email Brian Altgold brianaltgold@gmail.com with relevant information and the committee will reach out!

Click to visit Skokie Valley’s YouTube Channel for all videos, including Rav Ari’s video drashot.

The past few months have 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 new partnership with JCFS Chicago! For more information, go to 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.

Community Use of Social Hall
After consultation with our medical committee, we have created a plan to make the social hall space available beyond tefillah. We are pleased to announce that members of the Skokie Valley community will now be able to register for private, individual household activities that strictly follow safety guidelines in the social hall at appointed times. Click here for more information and sign up form. Please note that two households may now sign up for a time slot together. Each household must sign the waiver.
It’s easy to support Skokie Valley while shopping on Amazon! Just use our dedicated link to log into your Amazon account and we will receive a small portion of what you spend. The prices are the same! Share this link with your friends and family!

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Beyond Skokie Valley

Virtual Blood Drive! January 1 - 31
In times when we can’t be together in person, we can still be together in support of our community. In partnership with Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob, we’re hosting a virtual blood drive after having to cancel our in-person drives due to COVID-19. Sign up to donate blood as part of our virtual blood drive; you’ll get an email invitation to find a convenient donation site and pick your appointment!
Because of you, life doesn’t stop. Join us today:
https://learn.vitalant.org/LP=148?utm_campaign=&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&utm_content=&drive_code=5Kj30&division=NORTHEAST&region=CH1&elqTrackId=eddc87ebe9684ffcb084f9f2e5a0ec15&elq=d5659a97275f4322a29401e6e067451c&elqid=4277&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=&fbclid=IwAR2VaGHyn4i_XicJjbx4ecOtQXcx9hPSyC-2Zar6-9bhJdoXdlIPsSF4cA

We are excited to invite you to join HADRAN for a new course: Seder Night Sugiyot- Basic Gemara Tools Part 1 with Rabbanit Michelle Farber, Founder of Hadran and Daf Yomi for Women
A ten-week course for women in which we will learn sugiyot about the Seder night and build basic Talmud learning skills. Register now! (from a computer if available) https://hadran.org.il/courses/courses/basic-gemara-tools-part-1/
You can contact us at info@hadran.org.il

*The courses are a collaboration between Hadran-Advancing Talmud Study for Women and Yeshivat Drisha

Communal resources:
- Schedule a walk or time with Rav 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 Chesed Corps
- Let’s Share Torah
- Minyanaires
Community Counter would like to share a message from your Rabbis, doctors, and neighbors. Please take the time to watch it in full. Please also share this video far and wide— and encourage others to take the time to watch it, as well. Together, we can save lives. [https://youtu.be/LnVGzyQ_PGM](https://youtu.be/LnVGzyQ_PGM)

We’re here to help! Community Counter ([communitycounter.org](http://communitycounter.org)) is a comprehensive Covid-19 resource for our Orthodox community. CC has an extensive list of testing resources and can assist if you have tested positive and would like support with meals, counseling, plasma trials or finding solid medical and public health guidance. You can help keep our community safer by completing a short survey (anonymously, if you prefer) for contact tracing. Please consider making a donation at [https://www.communitycounter.org/donate](https://www.communitycounter.org/donate). Endorsed by local Rabbanim, doctors and several public health depts. Questions? Call or text 847-986-0635, or email [info@communitycounter.org](mailto:info@communitycounter.org). Thank you for partnering with us in protecting our community!