Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, June 4
7:15 am: Shacharit
Indoors and via Zoom https://zoom.us/j/713951311
passcode 613
6:30 pm: Mincha Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv
Candle lighting: 8:02 pm

Shabbat, June 5
9:00 am: Shacharit
8:00 pm: Mincha/Maariv
Havdalah: 9:05 pm

Sunday, June 6
9:00 am: Shacharit
Mincha/Maariv: 8:10 pm

Daily Shacharit
Monday, Thursday & Friday (Rosh Chodesh Tammuz): 7 am
Tuesday & Wednesday: 7:15 am

Daily Mincha/Maariv
Monday through Thursday at Skokie Valley: 8:10 pm

Tefillah registration is no longer required.

Todah Rabah to our sponsors:
Kiddush:
Samuel Fisher on the yahrzeit of his father, Bernard Fisher
Sherwin and Lynn Ditlove on the yahrzeit of Sherwin’s father, Robert Ditlove

Seudah shlishit:
Nancy Schwartz for the 11th yahrzeit of her father, Irving Dorfman.

Have good news? Please email the Skokie Valley office so we can add to our weekly bulletin and email and share with the community!

Mazal tov!
Leah & Bob Rubin and family on Avi’s Bar Mitzvah this Shabbat.

Ben Katz, who will be honored by Ida Crown Jewish Academy with the Crown Distinguished Service award at their annual dinner on June 10. This award is given to ICJA Leadership who have made significant and meaningful differences in the lives of their community, before and during the pandemic.

Yahrzeits:
24 Sivan/June 4 Goldie Raffe z”l (Rachel Brachman)
25 Sivan/June 5 Jack Fagelson z”l (Ruby Masters)
25 Sivan/June 5 Robert Ditlove z”l (Sherwin Ditlove)
25 Sivan/June 5 Toni Karoll z”l (Asher Karoll)
26 Sivan/June 6 Bernard Fisher z”l (Samuel Fisher)
26 Sivan/June 6 Irving Dorfman z”l (Nancy Schwartz)
30 Sivan/June 10 Charlotte Wells z”l (Mervin Wells)

For Update on Skokie Valley COVID-19 Policies in Light of New Government Guidance go to:
https://www.svaj.org/covid-policy-5-21
This Week at Skokie Valley

Shabbat, June 5
9:30-11:00 am: Outdoor, in person, drop-off groups for children ages 5-12 will be held in the big tent. Register here.
For the safety of all, children must either be in shul or in the tent during services and not playing unsupervised outside the building.

10:30 am: Tot Shabbat. On Shabbat morning, Tot Shabbat starts at 10:30 am in Timber Ridge Park, weather permitting. Bring a blanket and a mask for everyone over 2 and join the growing Tot Shabbat community!

Two ways to join friends this Shabbat
1. 11:15 am to 12:30 pm (note new time): Kiddush-to-Go will be held under the big tent
2. 4-6 pm: Oneg Shabbat in the Lindenhart backyard--enter via Timber Ridge Park.

Click here to sponsor a kiddush or oneg!

Interested in hosting an oneg shabbat outdoors at your home? It's easy!
For details contact Tammi Finestone
finestone@me.com
847-508-3870
Thursday, June 10:
11:00 am: Mid-Day Break for Breath and Well-Being with Bobbie Winter. Are you post-vaccination and trying to decide how much to emerge and attempting to decode the new regulations? Then please join in Skokie Valley's Thursday mid-day break and share your views and concerns with others. This always interesting discussion will be followed by breathing exercises and a guided relaxation enabling you to regain focus and recharge for the rest of the day. I look forward to having you join us.

8:00 pm: Parsha Shiur with Rabbinical Intern Yael Keller: Get an early look at this week’s parsha. Join Yael to explore themes and delve into the characters of sefer Bamidbar.
Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87392335225?pwd=T21mZG9wcVI0cTBRWThiSTBEM0FIZz09
Passcode: 613 One tap mobile +13126266799,,87392335225# Meeting ID: 873 9233 5225

Youth Department News
Shabbat @ 9:30-11:00 am: Outdoor, in person, drop-off groups for children ages 5-12 will be held in the tent every Shabbat, barring extreme weather. They will enjoy games and snacks in the tent under the supervision of Rosa Shanes and our madrichim. All children and staff must remain masked for the duration of groups except while eating snacks while socially distanced. If you have not yet registered for groups, please do so here. All children must register at this time so we can determine staffing levels. In the coming weeks we will expand the programming and duration of groups - stay tuned!

For the safety of all, children must either be in shul or in the tent during services and not playing unsupervised outside the building.

Playground
The playground across the street will be unlocked and available during shul hours on Shabbat. Parents must attend to their children while on the playground. Tot Shabbat starts at 10:30 am in Timber Ridge Park on Shabbat.

Skokie Valley Dads and Grads Kiddush
June 12, 2021
Honor fathers and graduates by sponsoring kiddush!

To sponsor, go to svaj.org/dadandgrad-kiddush and enter your dad or grad's name so we can recognize them and give them the kavod they have earned!

Go to svaj.org/dadandgrad-kiddush to honor a dad or grad!
Bronzeville Family Literacy Center: COVID-19 changed the landscape of children’s learning across America, and those who were already most vulnerable are suffering the worst impact. Students in urban, underserved areas are already showing negative learning outcomes as a result of the pandemic’s disruption.

In response, we are launching a campaign to build a Family Literacy Center in the South Side neighborhood of Bronzeville, in partnership with our friends at Bright Star Community Outreach and Books 4 Cause. The FLC will support families whose learning has been compromised by the pandemic with free books, literacy resources, homework help, tutoring, and more. Read more about the program here!

Our first stage for this campaign is an ongoing Solu Book Drive! You can get involved in the following ways:

1. Donate books: Solu is collecting books to stock the shelves of the Literacy Center. Books must be in good condition and can be for children of all ages. Please deliver all books to the storage pod in the Skokie Valley parking lot - please don’t leave books outside the shul. Donated books must be new or very gently used, high quality, for ages 2-18.

Do not donate musty or damaged books, magazines, coloring books, encyclopedias, textbooks, ex-library books, ex-school library books, classroom sets, or books for adults. Bringing these books will make it more difficult to successfully set up the literacy center!

2. Sort: We need volunteers to organize the donated books by level and topic. Volunteers will also go to the Books 4 Cause warehouse to sort donated books! Please contact Avidan at avidan@solu.us if you are able to help.

3. Transport: Help get the books from Skokie to the Literacy Center in Bronzeville! Please contact Avidan at avidan@solu.us if you are able to help.

JCFS and Skokie Valley

The past year has 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 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 847-745-5421.

Know someone who recently moved to Skokie who might be interested in our shul? Make sure to let the membership committee know! Please email Ari Berkowicz ariberk@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 and Adult Ed classes.

Now it’s easier than ever to support Skokie Valley while shopping on the Amazon app at no extra cost to you! Simply follow the instructions on the app to select "Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob Synagogue" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us. Or 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! smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2477806

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Beyond Skokie Valley

Sunday, June 6 @ 5:00 pm CDT: Porat presents Shaping a Vibrant Orthodoxy: Finding Inspiration in Our Religious Lives. What brings meaning to our religious lives? What influences someone who grew up secular to become Orthodox, and what led her to invest in leadership opportunities for women? How do we remain engaged even as we struggle with elements of our Orthodoxy? What can we do from a communal perspective to promote a vibrant Orthodoxy? Should Modern Orthodoxy have a distinct mission to help inspire, and what should that mission be?

If you are interested in hearing smart people answer these and other related questions, then you do NOT want to miss this program! This 90-minute panel discussion will include Rabbi Dov Linzer, Ms. Ann Pava, and Dr. Elana Stein Hain, as they discuss steps that we can take individually and as a community to ensure a sense of excitement about our religious lives. For details and registration go to [http://poratonline.org/events](http://poratonline.org/events). The event is co-sponsored by Skokie Valley.

June 6 @ 7:00 pm: Or Torah Bashert presents Italian Night Out for Singles. Details in the flyer above. RSVP [ortorah.org/italannightout](http://ortorah.org/italannightout)