

SKOKIE VALLEY

Welcomes you!



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Parshat Shoftim 7 Elul 5779

Friday, September 6

Shacharit: 7:15 am

Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Maariv: 6:30 pm

Candle lighting: 6:56 pm

Shabbat September 7

Shacharit: 9:00 am

**Guest Drasha: Tamara Kushner-Groman
of the Council of Jewish Elderly:**

**"Your kids will thank you: a biblical guide to
advance directives"**

**5:45pm: CJE SeniorLife will present a discussion
on Caring for Ourselves and Our Loved Ones:
Hard Conversations.**

Mincha/Maariv: 6:50 pm

Havdallah: 7:57 pm

Sunday, September 8

Shacharit: 9:00 am

Mincha/Maariv: 7:18 pm

Daily Shacharit

Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 7:15 am

Daily Maariv

Monday through Thursday: 8:00 pm

Welcome New Members!

Daniel & Robyn Ackerman & family

David & Amanda Copeland & family

Aaron & Jennifer Minkus & family

Todah Rabah

Seudah Shlishit is sponsored this week by **Barry & Bobbie Berkowitz** on the yahrzeit of Barry's father, Sidney Berkowitz.

Welcome to the Skokie Women's Tefillah Group who are davening at Skokie Valley this Shabbat.

High Holiday Information

The schedule of services, as well as information regarding seats, Memorial Book and Yom Kippur appeal donations, can be found on svaj.org at the top of the page under "High Holidays." Thanks to all those who have responded. If you haven't yet, please complete these forms today. **The deadline for Memorial Book entries is Wednesday, September 11 and the deadline for reserving seats is Wednesday, September 18.**

Board of Directors Nominations

The process for elections for the 2020 SVAJ Board of Directors is getting underway, and we need you! The Nominating Committee will be meeting in September and volunteers are needed to serve on this important Committee. If you are interested, please talk to David Rubin dmrubin@dmrubin.com, Noam Stadlan nstadlan@aol.com, or Debbie Eisenstein president@svaj.org, or call or email the office. If you are interested in being nominated to serve on the 2020 Board of Directors, please let David, Noam or Debbie know as well. Thank you!

Renew Your Membership Today!

It's time to renew your synagogue membership for 2019-2020.

Thanks to everyone who has already renewed!

You must renew your membership before reserving your High Holiday seats.

-----Upcoming Events at Skokie Valley-----

High Holiday Classes

Starting this Sunday, September 8, join us for classes that will enhance your understanding and experience during the High Holidays and beyond.

Chassidic Insights into the Holidays: Sundays @ 10:00 am: 9/8, 9/15, 9/22 in the Social Hall

The Akeida: Tuesdays @ 2:00 pm: 9/10, 9/17, 9/24 in Israel Hall

Tech & Tefillah: Prayer and Devotion in the Digital Age with Rabbanit Sara Wolkenfeld:
Sunday 9/22 @ 7:00 pm

Jewish Thinkers in the Modern Age

Join us for the last of our popular Sunday night series, where we explore a different leading Jewish thinker each week, taught by scholars and professors from our community and membership.

September 8 @ 6:15 pm: Dr. Joshua Feigelson: "Yitz Greenberg-- Shoah Memory"

These lectures are free and open to the public.

This series is sponsored by Edward and Leah Reicin in memory of Nahum Zalman Stern

Shabbat, September 14: Baseball Kiddush is back! Go to svaj.org/baseball-kiddush-2019 to be a sponsor!

Shabbat, September 14 @ 5:30 pm: Join us as we dedicate the Miriam Bromberg z'l Youth/Teen Lounge, in honor of Miriam's legacy and provide a cornerstone location for the youth of the synagogue and Skokie to grow and develop.

September 28 - Safety Shabbat. Lunch and important information about safety within our building. See flyer for details.

Monday, October 21 @ 5:30 pm: Simchat Torah Fiesta returns to Skokie Valley! Register at svaj.org/fiesta-dinner now for early bird pricing!

This Week's Classes at Skokie Valley - September 7 to 13

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

Sunday @ 10:00 am: Chassidic Insights into the Holidays with Rav Ari, Social Hall

Monday @ 8:15 pm (right after maariv): Weekly Talmud class with Rabbi Steven Mandel, Masechet Megilla.

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

We need you to join our Shiva Support Team! Led by Meira Goldman, team members will aid members of our community in a time of great need, coordinating food, supplies, and setting up a home for shiva.

Email meirakatzoff@gmail.com to get involved.

-----From the Ritual Committee-----

Please remember to return your Skokie Valley tallit to the rack in the sanctuary after davening. Thanks for not leaving it in the social hall. Todah!

We need to ensure there is a minyan at all weekday Tefillot! 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

-----Youth News-----

Welcome to our new youth director Sarah Price! All parents should have received exciting information from Sara about madrich training and upcoming programs. If you did not receive these emails, please contact office@svaj.org.

Tot Shabbat! Tot Shabbat is for children between the ages of 0-4 and each child must be accompanied by an adult. For children already in groups, please pick up your child and head upstairs. **We will be meeting on this Shabbat in the back of the social hall from 10:30-11:15 am for songs, tefillah, and fun!**

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

-----Hakarat Hatov – Recognizing the Good-----

Our deep thanks to Rich and Monica Magid for keeping us cool, along with all the other tremendous things they do for our community.

If there is someone whom you would like to recognize, please submit their name and a short paragraph on the positive impact they are having to office@svaj.org Submissions may be anonymous.



Get to knowJonathan and Shaina Frazin!!

*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 and we'll be happy to help!*

Jonathan:

Favorite Jewish Food: Kishke

How Long Have You Been at Skokie Valley: 6 months

Latkes or Hamentaschen: Latkes for the win. Deep fry a Hamentashen and get back to me.

Last book read: The Victorian Internet: The Remarkable Story of the Telegraph and the Nineteenth Century's On-Line Pioneers by Tom Standage

Favorite City in Israel: Haifa

What foreign country would you like to visit that you haven't been to yet? Italy

Shaina:

Married to Jonathan and have one son, Ethan, who is 4 months.

Hometown: Skokie

Favorite Jewish Food: Challah

Something that we don't know about you: I enjoy painting

Last book read: Fruit of the drunken tree: A novel

Latkes or hamentaschen: Latkes obviously 😊

Profession: Mental Health Counselor

Guilty Pleasure: Reality TV

Favorite City in Israel: Haifa

What foreign country would you like to visit: Spain



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

September 9 @ 7:30 pm: Congregation K.I.N.S. of West Rogers Park in partnership with Community Safety Network presents "Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event." Discussion will include: What is the profile of an active shooter? What can you do to help you and others survive? What to expect when law enforcement arrives? How will you react psychologically and physiologically? **RSVP by 9/6 to info@csnchicago.org**

November 10 @ 4:00 pm: BJE Chicago presents their annual celebration event Celebration Education Inspiration at the Westin Chicago North Shore. Among the honorees is Skokie Valley's own **Rabbi Marianne Novak**. Register online at bjechicago.org