Parshat Tazria-Metzora
5 Iyyar 5781

Welcome new members!
Michael R. Stein
Nadine & Sam Wengroff & Family

Yahrzeits:
4 Iyar/April 16 Sylvia Marcus z”l (David Marcus)
5 Iyar/April 17 Alfred Klein z”l (Edith Klein)
5 Iyar/April 17 Lee Bilow z”l (David & Barbara Bilow)
6 Iyar/April 18 Sydelle Bennett z”l (Robert Bennett)
8 Iyar/April 20 Harry Oster z”l (Melvin Oster)
8 Iyar/April 20 Howard Weinstein z”l (Marsha Arons)
9 Iyar/April 21 Earle I. Magid z”l (Rich Magid, Philip Magid)
9 Iyar/April 21 Judy Kirsche z”l (Alisa Oler)
10 Iyar/April 22 Sheldon Legator z”l (Rena Legator)
10 Iyar/April 22 Sheldon Yusim z”l (Nadine Wengroff)

Click here to register for tefillot

Shabbat Shalom!
Friday, April 16
7:15 am: Shacharit
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only
and via Zoom https://zoom.us/j/7139513111
passcode 613

6:30 pm: Mincha/ Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only
Candle lighting: 7:13 pm

Shabbat, April 17
9:00 am: Shacharit
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only

7:10 pm: Mincha/Maariv
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only
Havdalah: 8:17 pm

Sunday, April 18
9:00 am: Shacharit
Mincha/Maariv: 7:25 pm

Daily Shacharit
Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday: 7:15 am

Daily Mincha/Maariv
Monday through Thursday: 7:25 pm

Thank you to Kiddush sponsors this week:
Debi Crystal & Howie Farkas on the yahrzeit of Debi’s father, Murray Crystal, Moshe Yitzchak ben Shabtai v’Deena
Barbara & Yossi Glimer in honor of Yom Ha’atzmaut.
Thank you for the Israeli treats!
Mira & Alexander Wolf on the first yahrzeit of Mira’s father, Al Mendlovitz.
Ron Weiner in celebration of the renovation kick-off.

And thank you to Oneg Shabbat sponsor:
Robert Rothstein in honor of Ahavas Chinam.

Board of Directors meeting Sunday, April 18 @ 8 pm.
This Week at Skokie Valley

Shabbat, April 17

10:30 am: Tot Shabbat. Shabbat morning we will be holding Tot Shabbat in Timber Ridge Park at 10:30 am, weather permitting. Bring a blanket and a mask and join the growing Tot Shabbat community!

Two ways to join friends this Shabbat!
1. 11 am to 12:15 pm: Kiddush-to-Go this Shabbat will be held at Skokie Valley under the big tent.
2. 4-6 pm: Oneg Shabbat hosted by Nina Black and Avery Hart, 3705 Grove Street

Click here to sponsor a kiddush or oneg!

Sunday, April 18

8:30 am: Halacha in Our Lives with Rav Ari. Halacha comes from the word “to walk,” and its central purpose is to help us walk with God. Each Sunday morning at 8:30, Rav Ari will give a 30-minute shiur on practical halacha, with an eye towards increasing spiritual awareness in our daily living. Email Rav Ari ravari@svaj.org with halachic questions you’d like to be discussed. https://zoom.us/j/713951311 passcode 613

Tuesday, April 20

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

8:00 pm: Spring Learning Series: Kosher Beaches: What Separate Beaches Say about Israel Today, with Dr. Shayna Weiss Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85468544838 Passcode 613.
Meeting ID: 854 6854 4838 One tap mobile:+13126266799,,85468544838# Dial in: +1 312 626 6799
Thursday, April 22
11:00 am: (note earlier start time) Mid-Day Break for Breath and Well-Being with Bobbie Winter. With the winter and most vaccinations behind us, with warmer weather and spring bulbs coming up, this is a good time to focus on emerging from the tight pandemic lockdowns into a wider and more open world around us. What are your goals for moving forward, what are you looking towards doing and what might still keep you back. This will be an interesting discussion followed by breathing exercises and a guided relaxation and meditation. I look forward to having you join us.
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86100712972?pwd=STlpNWVnZG42S0ZFYTB3dmdyUHZRZz09
Passcode: 613
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 Vayikra.

**Zoom:** https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87392335225?pwd=T21mZG9wcVI0cTBRWThiSTBEM0FIZz09
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**Solu Events**

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**Earth Day Park Clean-Up with Solu!**

**Sunday, April 25, 10:00-11:30 AM**

**Location:**

**Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park,**
between Dempster and Main St.

Gloves and garbage bags provided.

And join us for family Torah learning on Shabbat, April 24, 5:00 PM at the Skokie Valley Tent: "Leket and Shikcha: What Do We Leave Behind"

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**Sunday, April 25 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am: Earth Day Park Clean Up!** Earth Day is just around the corner, and Solu has a way for you to make our neighborhood a cleaner place.

Join us on Sunday, April 25, from 10:00 to 11:30 AM, at the Skokie Sculpture Gardens to clean up the block between Dempster and Main Street!

Parking is available in the center of the Dempster to Main Street section. Gloves and garbage bags will be provided.

And join us for family Torah learning on Shabbat, April 24, at 5:00 PM at the Skokie Valley tent: “Leket and Shikcha: What Do We Leave Behind?”

**Click to RSVP!** And check out our blog post about our event with the Night Ministry, and follow us on Instagram @solu_solu!
A little more than a year ago, our shul was turned upside down. Our sacred forms of communal expression: gathering hundreds together for prayer, learning, singing, and shmoozing became a great danger. There has been much loss, pain and heartbreak, and so much that we took for granted was changed in an instant.

But there is more to the story of Skokie Valley and the pandemic. In a time where we could have pulled back from communal life, we leaned in, investing resources to care for our community and beyond and expanding our offerings in new and creative ways. Please see the Spring 2021 Update for just some of the ways our community responded.

Through it all you have been incredibly shtark, strong and supportive of one another through one of the most difficult years in our lives. With the near miraculous vaccine, we know that big changes are coming, and we have big hopes for what the future of shul will look like when the pandemic is behind us. We need your support to make sure we have the resources necessary to emerge from the pandemic stronger than before.

With a renewed hope, our theme for this year’s annual campaign is “Supporting our Community.” As part of that theme, we are asking that when you donate this year to think of a friend (or friends) you haven’t seen in a while and dedicate your gift in their honor. And if you are on social media, keep an eye out for other ways you can use the campaign to reconnect.

Please make your gift today. You can donate by clicking here or going to the “Donate” tab on svaj.org

Thank you for helping our shul grow and thrive, even in the most challenging circumstances.

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 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.

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! smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2477806
JCFS and Skokie Valley

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 847-745-5421.

Upcoming JCFS/JUF programs:

YOU'RE INVITED to a free webinar for Jewish couples and individuals seeking support to build their families. Monday, April 19 7–8:30 pm CDT. Panel discussion and Q&A featuring: DR. EVE FEINBERG, Medical Director at Northwestern Fertility & Reproductive Medicine, DENA I. LEVY, Attorney, Levy Law Solutions, DR. SILVIA SCHNEIDER FOX, Reproductive Psychologist and Founder, Fertility Resilience. Moderated by: RABBI D'ROR CHANKIN-GOULD, Interim Grodzin Director of Educational Innovation, Anshe Emet Synagogue. Click here to register.

JUF's Path To Parenthood and JCFS Chicago are partnering to provide a safe Jewish space to find support and resources on the journey toward parenthood. Contact PathToParenthood@juf.org for more info.

Sunday, April 25 8:00-9:30 pm: Moving towards the Mountain--How Resilient are You? Presented by Rabbi Hart and Elizabeth Ury, JCFS Liaison

This year has tested all of us in so many ways! Resiliency is what keeps us moving forward through different challenges. What have we learned? How can we take these lessons and use them positively as the doors slowly reopen? Join us as we take our own resilience inventory, study text and examples and use critical thinking exercises to increase our mental strength as we determine our next move.

Beyond Skokie Valley

Sunday, April 18 @ 4:00 to 5:00 pm: JUF Yom Ha'atzmaut Community Concert with Rick Recht. Jewish Rock Radio presents: All-Star Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration! Celebrate Israel this year with the Jewish United Fund at our community wide virtual concert! You’ll have the opportunity to jam out with popular musicians and connect with others through our live chat. This concert is for all ages, so be sure to spread the word to friends and family. Click here for more details and to RSVP.