Rosh Chodesh Nisan - Shabbat Hachodesh - Parshat Tazria
1 Nisan | April 2, 2022
Candle Lighting: 6:56 pm     Havdalah: 8:00 pm

Mazel Tov
Mazel Tov to Hillel Lennon, his parents Will & Shari Lennon, and family on his Bar Mitzvah.

Baruch Dayan HaEmet
It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of long time members:
Dorothy Cohen z”l
Pearl Cohen z”l

Hakarat Hatov
A hearty hakarat hatov to Rich Magid for sorting, organizing and packing up many boxes of Shaimos.

Todah Rabah
Kiddush fund:
Ari & Katie Meyers and Yosef & Adriane Meyers on the yahrzeit of their mother, Isabelle Meyers z”l
Laura Rabinowicz & Bob Goodman on the yahrzeit of Laura’s father, Ernest Rabinowicz z”l.
Ron Weiner in honor of his belated birthday, the new month of Nisan and the yahrzeit of his father, Norman Weiner z”l

Our spacious Social Hall is now available for Coffee Klatch and Kiddush! Let’s work together to keep our new Sanctuary beautiful and clean by enjoying food and drink in the Social Hall. Please: no eating or drinking in the Sanctuary. Thank you.

**Please do not leave anything in the Sanctuary after davening, including talesim, siddurim, personal items, etc. The Sanctuary is still a construction site and nothing can be left in there that isn’t construction-related. Thanks for your cooperation! **
This Week

**Sunday**
9:00 am: Shacharit followed by the Abe Rosenblum Torah Discussion Group led by Dr. Ben Katz. Light breakfast is served.

**Tuesday**
2:00 pm: The Book of Genesis with Rav Ari in person and on zoom
https://zoom.us/j/713951311
passcode 613
3:00 pm: Learn the ENTIRE Tanach with friends from Skokie Valley and Project 929. Led by Myra Weiss. The class will meet on Zoom only. This week will cover Genesis chapters 39-43.
https://zoom.us/j/713951311
passcode 613
8:45 pm: Mussar Vaad
Mussar Vaad is a group for young men in our community to come together and study and discuss Torah ideas of self development towards becoming better Jews, partners, fathers and friends. We will be gathering this Tuesday night at 8:45pm. Email Eli Taylor entaylor18@gmail.com for more information.

**Thursday**
Talmudic Perspectives on Marital Intimacy with Rabbi Steve Mandel.
All sessions on Zoom at 8:00 pm:
Click here for Zoom
Passcode 613
Click here for source sheets.
Upcoming classes: April 7, May 12, May 26, June 2

Youth Programming

To download Devash: A Children and Families Parashah Magazine for this week, Parshat Tazria, click here!

Tot Shabbat: 10:30 am
This week our wonderful Tot Shabbat program for parents and kids 0-5 will meet in the Berger Beit Midrash at 10:30 am. Masks are optional. No registration is necessary.
We are creating a rotation of Tot Shabbat Leaders! Please sign up here to help.

Shabbat groups: 9:30 am to end of shul
Masks are optional for children attending groups.
To ensure the safety of our children, please make sure they are supervised by an adult or in youth programming at all times. Thank you!

Groups for children ages 4-12 will be held downstairs in these locations:
Chaverim: PreK-1st grade: Early Drop Off/Late Care Room
Rayim: 2nd-3rd grade: Multipurpose Room
Yedidim: 4th-6th grade: Youth Lounge
Quiet Card and Games Room: 1st-6th Grade: Yellow Room

Groups schedule for Chaverim, Rayim and Yedidim:
9:30-10:25: Free Play*
10:25: Cleanup
10:30: Snack
10:40-11:10ish: Tefillah & Parsha
Children will be brought to their parents in shul before Adon Olam.
*some groups may go outside from 10-10:25, weather and space permitting

Please email svajksyouth@gmail.com if you have any questions!
After the last two years when so many of us felt disconnected, the Community Committee (formerly known as the Membership Committee) is excited to start a new, ongoing opportunity to help you deepen relationships and strengthen our communal fabric. We are inviting members of Skokie Valley to sign up to host and be hosted for Shabbat lunch. This is something the Community Committee intends to coordinate once a month, beginning with Shabbat, April 9th.

In order to participate, please sign up to host or be hosted by this Sunday, April 3rd. Please click here to sign up.

The Community Committee and Rav Ari will make matches that are intended to either foster new relationships and connections or strengthen existing bonds across our community. We will get back to you by Wednesday, April 6th to let you know who will be hosting you/who you will be hosting.

For any members who are interested in hosting, but for whom the costs of hosting provide hesitation, discretionary funds are available to supplement hosting expenses. For more information please reach out to Rav Ari or the Shul office.

Finally, if you want to get to know more members and be a part of the team dedicated to building a more inclusive and welcoming Skokie Valley, you're welcome to join the Community Committee's efforts! Please email Ari Berkowicz at ariberk@gmail.com or Tzvi Robinson at tzvi21@gmail.com if you'd like to get more involved.

We look forward to strengthening the connections within our shul!

The Community Committee
Below you'll find some resources to help you in your preparations, whether you are an early bird or a last minute preparer.

Sale of Chametz Online
Bedikah and Biur Guidelines
Ma’ot Chittim Donations
OU Passover Guide
Kashering Questions Whatsapp group with Rav Ari
CRC Passover Guide

We are extremely grateful that, after a two-year hiatus due to Covid, we are able to bring back our Annual Passover Open Seder this year on Friday night, April 15th at 8:00 pm.

In the spirit of the words of the Haggadah "Let anyone who is hungry enter and eat: let anyone who is needy enter and join us in our Passover feast," there is no charge to attend the Open Seder at the Skokie Valley. We do, however, welcome donations to help defray the costs.

The seder will be led by Rav Ari in an explanatory, engaging style. All Halachic requirements of the seder will be met. Food will be catered by Chef Bryan Gryka. Reservations: www.svaj.org/seder-2022
Families! As you think and plan toward Pesach, you are invited to register for these two upcoming youth programs! Space is limited at both events, so register today to reserve your spot!

- **Looking for something for your kids to do on the Sunday before Pesach?** Let your children go! Sign them up for the **Pesach Drop-Off** program that will take place on April 10th from 10 am-12 pm in the Social Hall. See below for more details! Register at [svaj.org/pre-pesach-dropoff](http://svaj.org/pre-pesach-dropoff)

- **Let's Go Hiking!** Join us on the first day of Chol HaMoed - April 18th from 10 to 11:30 am to celebrate **Chag HaAviv** with a beautiful spring hike at Emily Oaks Nature Center. This program is geared towards families with children ages 13 and under. Register at [svaj.org/spring-hike-2022](http://svaj.org/spring-hike-2022)

Please note that there will be groups on all days of Yom Tov starting at 9:30 am.
Yahrzeits

1 Nissan/Apr 2 Isadore Barsky z"l (Lorraine Barsky)
3 Nissan/Apr 4 James Adler z"l (William Adler)
3 Nissan/Apr 4 Norman Weiner z"l (Ronald Weiner)
3 Nissan/Apr 4 Michael Chez z"l (Eugene Chez, Dorie Chez, Howard Chez)

Beyond Skokie Valley

Maot Chittim Passover Delivery 2022: Passover Delivery Day is around the corner. The past few years have been very difficult for everyone. We need your help to bring food to those families and individuals that are struggling with food insecurity. There is nothing more rewarding than helping others. We invite you and your family to deliver food to Holocaust Survivors, senior citizens, and families who wish to celebrate Passover with dignity. Help to make someone’s holiday special. Please sign up for volunteer opportunities on April 10th. We look forward to sharing this special day with you.

When: Sunday, April 10th
Where: 1610 Deerfield Rd., Highland Park, IL 60035
Who: YOU!! (and your family if you wish. We ask that everyone wear a mask and that children be accompanied by adults.)
For more information and to register, go to maotchitim.org/delivery-day/