

SKOKIE VALLEY

Welcomes you!



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Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, February 28

Shacharit: 7:15 am

Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Maariv: 5:30 pm in Berger

Candle lighting: 5:20 pm

Shabbat February 29

Shacharit: 9:00 am

Drasha: Being Real in a False World

Mincha: 5:20 pm

Havdallah: 6:23 pm

Sunday, March 1

Shacharit: 9:00 am

Mincha/Maariv: 5:35 pm

Daily Shacharit

Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:15 am

Daily Maariv

Monday through Thursday: 8:00 pm

Please help ensure there is a minyan at all weekday Tefillot! We know it's cold and the weather can be bad--we greatly appreciate your efforts in supporting our community. 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

Welcome new member!

Welcome Lisa Goldenberg!

Are you new or newish to our shul? Please make sure to take a colored cup at kiddush for your drink so we can give you a warm Skokie Valley welcome!

We are thrilled that we continue to grow as a community! Thank you for warmly welcoming our new members.

To host a new family for a Shabbat meal please contact Rachel Stein simesstein@gmail.com

Todah Rabah

Seudah Shlishit is sponsored by **Rick & Marsha Arons** in memory of Rick's parents, Bertram and Beatrice Arons; and by **Asher & Lydia Karoll** for the yahrzeit of Asher's father, David Karoll.

Welcome to the Skokie Women's Tefillah Group who are davening at Skokie Valley this Shabbat and will be joining us for kiddush.

Do you know someone who needs a home Megillah reading? Please contact a member of the ritual committee:

Allan Burstyn aburstyn@yahoo.com, Rachel Stein simesstein@gmail.com, or Rav Ari ravari@svaj.org, and we will make it happen!

Download our new mobile app! Go to <https://www.svaj.org/getapp>

Torat HaEmek - Torah of the Valley!

Do you have Torah that you want to share with our community? We will be printing divrei Torah from our members and placing them outside the main sanctuary. Please send any Torah you want to share to RavAri@svaj.org

Purim Schedule

Monday, March 9: Taanit Esther

Fast begins: 6:00 am

Shacharit: 7:00 am

Mincha: 6:25 pm

End of Fast: 7:28 pm

Monday, Purim Night:

Megillah: 7:30 pm

Maariv: 8:00 pm

The Skokie Valley House Band will play after davening and snacks will be served!

Tuesday, March 10: Purim

Shacharit: 7:00 am

Megillah: 7:40 am

Purim Palooza: 4:40 pm

Mincha: 5:00 pm

Maariv: 8:00 pm

Women's Purim Davening with the Skokie and West Rogers Park

Women's Tefillah Groups downstairs in Israel Hall:

Shacharit: 9:00 am

Special Dvar Torah by Sara Wolkenfeld and Megilla Reading: approx. 9:45 am

RSVP by March 3 if you need babysitting for ages 2 years and up.

Questions? Call 847-675-3565

To donate Matanot Le'Evyonim, go to <https://www.svaj.org/form/matanot-le-eyyonim-2020.html>

*****Upcoming Events at Skokie Valley*****

Friday night, February 28 @ 8:15 pm: Calling all 13-18 year olds! A Teen Oneg will be held in the Teen Lounge. We'll have great food and an opportunity for a lively "Ask The Rabbi Anything" conversation.

Please RSVP by February 21st and you will receive a link to submit questions anonymously to Rav Ari.

Saturday, February 29 @ 8:40 pm: Last chance to play Broomball! Put on your padding and prepare for an evening of slipping, sliding and fun! If you haven't registered, just come to the rink on Saturday night! RSVP and details at svaj.org/broomball-2020! Adults only.

Sunday Night Seminar Speaker Series: A Deeper Dive featuring scholars in our community. **March 8 @7:30 pm:** We will start with **Rabbi Marianne Novak** presenting "The Haggadah" as a cornerstone of our home liturgical practice reflecting our key sacred narrative, and one of the first Jewish 'wiki' projects. **On May 24 and 31 @6:30 pm, Dr. Malka Simkovich** will speak about "Jewish Vocabulary in the Ancient World"; and beginning on **July 12 @6:30 pm, Dr. Sam Fleischacker** will speak about "What is Idolatry?" Stay tuned for more details!

Sunday, March 8, @ 1-1:45 pm: Skokie Valley/Gidwitz Event at Gidwitz Place. To help the Skokie Valley community build intergenerational relationships, Gidwitz Place, a Jewish assisted living facility in Deerfield, will be hosting Skokie Valley kids, ages 6 to 9, to do art projects with the residents. Limited to 10 children. **Please RSVP by March 1 to Lena Bromberg lena@bromberg.net.** Parents are encouraged to carpool and to stay and participate! If you are able to carpool, please email Lena.

Tuesday, March 10, 4:40-6:30 pm: Purim Palooza! Fun, Games and Food! Volunteers are needed to pick up trays from Jewel and help set up and run the booths Email Meira Goldman meirakatzoff@gmail.com to help. Go to <https://www.svaj.org/purim-palooza-2020> to register and sponsor! See flyer for details!

Shabbat, March 13-14: Artist in Residence Jordan Gorfinkel. "Gorf" is a cartoonist, musician, producer and director and the creator of the Passover Haggadah Graphic Novel. We have an amazing program planned! Friday night at 8:30, Oneg Shabbat at the home of Marsha & Rick Arons. Shabbat after Musaf: "Moses and Superman: What Superheroes Teach Us About Judaism & What Judaism Teaches Us About Superheroes" Seudah shlishit after Mincha @6:35 pm: "Everything I Learned About Passover I Learned From Batman!" And after Shabbat @8:15 pm, Gorf will host a Cartooning Workshop for First Graders up to adults. \$10 per person, \$25 max per family. **Register for the workshop at <https://www.svaj.org/cartoon-workshop>** See flyer for more details.

Shabbat, March 20-21: JOFA Shabbaton at Skokie Valley. Details soon.

This Week's Classes at Skokie Valley

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

Monday @ 7:15 pm before Maariv: Gemara Megillah with Rabbi Steve Mandel, Berger Beit Midrash

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

Thursday @ 10:00 am: BYOK (Bring Your Own Kid) with Rav Ari. Learning for parents with children in the playroom at the end of the school wing (Multi-purpose Room). Children are welcome to come play with our toys while parents learn with Rav Ari! We are studying Hilchot Deot of the Rambam.

*******Youth News*******

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

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

For the safety and security of our kids, children should be in groups or in shul with a caretaker. If children are found wandering the building, they will be brought directly to you. Thank you for your partnership in helping keep our children and community safe. For questions, contact Youth Director Sara Price children@svaj.org

Children's Groups begin at 9:30 am in four separate classrooms, with early babysitting available starting at 9:15 am. To keep our rooms safe and clean, please do not bring lollipops or sticky candy into groups.

Teen Homework Night! Weekly on Tuesday nights, from 7-9, there will be homework nights in the teen lounge! Bring friends and homework! Snacks will be provided. Please enter through the side door in the alley.

Misheberach for Cholim: In order to ensure that we are offering a misheberach for members of our community in need of physical, emotional and/or spiritual healing, we will be sending a monthly link to a form where you can enter the names of those for whom you wish a prayer to be said. All names on this list will be personally recited by a gabbai or gabbait every day when Torah is recited, in addition to being included in the prayers of individuals in our community. **If you enter a name on the list, we request that you renew it each month the person is in need of healing.** The list will be cleared on Shabbat Mevarchim each month. You may find the form at <https://www.svaj.org/misheberach>. You may also call the office with the information at 847-674-3473.



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!

Get to Know...Rochel & Jeremy Segall!!

Family Info: Rochel, Jeremy, Rena (7), Solly (5) and Faige (3).
All three kids go to Hillel Torah.

Hometown: Ottawa, ON (Rochel), Los Gatos, CA (Jeremy)

Favorite Jewish Food: Kasha and bow ties (Rochel), tie between brisket, chicken soup and chopped liver (Jeremy)

Something that we don't know about you: Everyone in the family plays ice hockey...except the Canadian!

How Long Have You Been at Skokie Valley: 3 years

The Last Book Read or Movie You've Seen: *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly (Rochel), *Becoming Justice Blackmun: Harry Blackmun's Supreme Court Journey* by Linda Greenhouse (Jeremy)

Latkes or Hamentaschen: Prune Hamentaschen (Rochel), both! (Jeremy)

Profession: Dietitian (Rochel), Attorney (Jeremy)

Guilty Pleasure: Competing to see who can complete the NYT daily mini crossword puzzle the fastest (both of us), also drinking straight from the milk carton (Jeremy)

Favorite City in Israel: Zichron Yaakov (Rochel), Jerusalem (Jeremy)

What foreign country would you like to visit that you haven't been to yet?: Greece (Rochel), Greece and Ireland (Jeremy)



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

Please help community member Rabbi Sam Feinsmith complete a siyum of Mishnah in memory of his father. Sign up here - http://hadranalach.com/index.php?action=mt_view&id=1084

Tues. March 17th, 7pm-9:30pm Nefesh B'Nefesh Real Estate in Israel Workshop at the DoubleTree 9599 Skokie Blvd, Skokie: A workshop about many of the topics surrounding buying and renting real estate in Israel. Plus, Nefesh B'Nefesh staff will be available to answer your Aliyah questions and help prepare you for life in Israel. Please register in advance at: WWW.NBN.ORG/IL/CHICAGO

Thursday, March 19 @ 6:00 pm: Two Films "Final Transports" and "Childhood Lost" at the Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. Join Illinois Holocaust Museum and WTTW for the premiere of two new 30-minute documentaries featuring Chicagoland Survivors. The red carpet premiere at the Museum will include light refreshments and post-screening Q&A with all four featured Chicagoland Survivors. Free to the public. Reservations required. RSVP: Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center

Tuesday, March 24, 7-9 pm: JUF Annual Jewish Day School Night featuring George Couros: Empowering Parents & Educators in the Process of Learning at the Holiday Inn North Shore, 5300 West Touhy Avenue, Skokie. George Couros is a leading keynote speaker and educator on innovative leadership, teaching, and learning and author of *The Innovator's Mindset: Empower Learning, Unleash Talent, and Lead a Culture of Creativity* and his latest book, *Innovate Inside the Box*. Event is free, but registration is required: <https://www.juf.org/dayschool/>

Skokie Youth Little League Baseball: Registration for 2020 Skokie Youth Little League Baseball is open! Skokie Youth is a Shomer Shabbat league for children between Nursery through 9th grade. You do not have to be a Skokie resident to play! The season goes from April through June. Register online at: <http://skokieyouth.org>. Early bird pricing if you register before March 1st.

Sunday, March 15 @ 1:30 -3:30, Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger of Roots שורשים at the home of Nina Black and Avery Hart, 3705 Grove Street. Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger, an Orthodox Jewish settler who was a scholar in Residence at SVAJ last fall, and his friend Shadi Abu Awwad, a Palestinian activist, will be at a parlor meeting to talk and raise funds for their organization, שורשים, Roots, a powerful source of inspiration as it invites religious settlers and their Palestinian neighbors to meet, speak and work together. They are creating a grassroots infrastructure for co-existence and peace – one person, one family, one community at a time – not just for the distant future but for today. For more information about Roots go to their web site <https://www.friendsofroots.net> . To RSVP to the event email ninab51@gmail.com