Purim Sameach
Parshat Tetzaveh
15 Adar 5781

Chag Purim Sameach!
Shabbat Shalom!

Purim: Friday, February 26
7:00 am: Shacharit
Megillah will be read starting approx. 7:30 am
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only
and via Zoom https://zoom.us/j/713951311
passcode 613
5:27 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only
Candle lighting: 5:17 pm

Shabbat, February 27
9:00 am: Shacharit
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only
5:15: Mincha/Maariv
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only
Havdala: 6:21 pm
Virtual Havdala: 6:30 pm via Zoom
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Daily Shacharit
9:00 am Sunday
7:00 am Monday & Thursday
7:15 am Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only
and via Zoom https://zoom.us/j/713951311
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Daily Mincha/Maariv
5:25 pm Sunday to Thursday
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only
and via Zoom https://zoom.us/j/713951311
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Yahrzeits:
14 Adar/Feb 26 Ann Glassner z”l (Ellyce Glassner, Sharon Glassner)
16 Adar/Feb 28 Samuel Masters z”l (Ruby Masters)
16 Adar/Feb 28 Marcia Mae Hart z”l (Avery Hart, Melissa Hart)
17 Adar/Mar 1 Michael Allen Feldman z”l (Debra Feldman)
17 Adar/Mar 1 Walter Raffe z”l (Rachel Brachman)
17 Adar/Mar 1 Moshe Kalman Wilensky z”l (Jacob Wilensky)
18 Adar/Mar 2 Jerome Bennett z”l (Robert Bennett)
18 Adar/Mar 2 Joseph Farkas z”l (Howard Farkas)
18 Adar/Mar 2 Shirley Gordon z”l (Robert Gordon)
19 Adar/Mar 3 Jennie Lasky z”l (Jeanne Weinstein)
20 Adar/Mar 4 Rose Finkelman z”l (Florence Rosenblum)

Save the date! A new Skokie Valley Speaker Series will begin on March 16. Details coming soon.

To register for in-person tefillot:
https://www.svaj.org/form/tefillah-attendance.html
Purim Megillah Readings

Friday, February 26:
7:30am, 10:15am (Women’s Megillah Reading), 12:00pm. All readings will also be on Zoom.
https://zoom.us/j/713951311 passcode 613

You must register and sign up for all in-person Megillah readings by going to https://www.svaj.org/form/megillah-attendance.html.

This Week at Skokie Valley

Motzei Shabbat, February 27
6:30 pm: Virtual Havdalah! https://zoom.us/j/713951311 passcode: 613

Sunday, February 28
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

7:00 pm: From Tanach to Teaneck: The Torah of Being Jewish and Powerful. This is the last in the YCT Winter Learning Series Inyanei D’Yoma: Torah of Today. More details are in the flyers below. All sessions will be held on Zoom. Skokie Valley is proud to be a sponsor of this important series. Register for access: tiny.cc/yctorah.

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From Tanach to Teaneck: The Torah of Being Jewish and Powerful

Dr. Rivka Press Schwartz discusses the state of the American Jewish community in 2021, in conversation with Rabbi Yonah Berman ('07)

Dr. Rivka Press Schwartz serves as Associate Principal, General Studies and Co-Director of Machon Saich at SAR High School in the Bronx, New York, and as a research fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America. Dr. Schwartz has spent more than twenty years in the field of Jewish secondary and post-secondary education, and writes and lectures widely about issues of contemporary importance in the North American Orthodox community.

Rabbi Yonah Berman ('07) serves as Maatrich and Director of Alumni Engagement at YCT Rabbinical School. He has held pulpit in Boston and Montreal, and grew up in a diverse set of Jewish communities in North America and Israel, where he was exposed to a variety of communal models.

The North American Jewish community has grown out of its immigrant roots and achieved material comfort and political power over the past century. How should we act as we remain aware of our past and consider the potential we have, in the present, to influence the future of our own community and the society around us?

All sessions will be held on Zoom. PLEASE REGISTER FOR ACCESS > TINY.CC/YCTORAH
Tuesday, March 2
2:00 pm: The Book of Genesis with Rav Ari. https://zoom.us/j/713951311 passcode: 613

Thursday, March 4
11:15 am: Mid-Day Break for Breath and Well-Being with Bobbie Winter: Have grey skies and escalating Covid reports got you down? Have you gone through your "to do" list and watched all the videos you care to see? Is it harder to motivate yourself for daily tasks? Then Skokie Valley has what you need: a mid-day break with a nice cup of coffee or tea and a mood-elevating 45 minutes with friendly people, along with guided breathing and relaxation to help you through the rest of the day. The group is looking forward to welcoming you. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86100712972?pwd=STlpNWVnZG42S0ZFYTB3dmdyUHZRZz09 Passcode 613 Meeting ID: 861 0071 2972 One tap mobile +13126266799,,86100712972#

12:00 pm: Stop giving yourself back pain! Zoom in with Jen Cohen, a Physical Therapist specializing in orthopedics. Learn how to take care of your body while working from home. We will do useful stretches and mobility exercises right from your desk. This will help you stay healthy and prevent injuries while working from your home office/dining room table/tv tray in the playroom. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87537313419?pwd=SHBQQzIwbzYzSjArNkFBUUowSGd6Zz09 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 Shemot. Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87392335225?pwd=T21mZG9wcVI0cTBRWThiSTBEM0FIZz09 Passcode: 613 One tap mobile +13126266799,,87392335225# Meeting ID: 873 9233 5225

Click to visit Skokie Valley’s YouTube Channel for all videos, including Rav Ari’s video drashot and Yael Keller’s Parsha Shiurim.

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!

Community Use of Social Hall
After consultation with our medical committee, we have created a plan to make the social hall space available beyond tefillah. Members of the Skokie Valley community will now be able to register for activities that strictly follow safety guidelines in the social hall at appointed times. We have opened up 3 slots for use on Shabbat. Click here for more information and sign up form. Please note that up to 10 members may now sign up for a time slot together. Each household must sign the waiver.

Looking for ongoing help shoveling and other outdoor household tasks? In addition to our shul's volunteer efforts, the Village of Skokie offers a great service called Teen Link which pairs local teens with seniors who could use some extra help. For a copy of the Village of Skokie TeenLink list, go to https://images.shulcloud.com/810/uploads/Letters/SkokieTeenLink2-21.pdf. Residents are responsible for providing equipment and making any financial/scheduling arrangements. Please compensate the students appropriately as they help you in your time of need. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Human Services Division at 847/933-8208.
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.

Wednesday, March 3 at 7:30pm: Join JCFS for Grieving A Death During A Pandemic. Details are in the flyer below. Go to https://jcfs.formstack.com/forms/grieving_death_during_pandemic to register for the Zoom link.

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GRIEVING A DEATH DURING A PANDEMIC: AN EVENING OF SUPPORT

The experience of grieving always feels like visiting a foreign place, feeling disoriented and isolated in the new reality of life without the person we loved. COVID-19 prevents us from grieving together in community and increases our isolation.

Let’s come together virtually on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 7:30 PM CST to learn alternative ways to mourn and grieve while we gain comfort from being together.

The evening will include support and wisdom from a grief counselor, a community member grieving a recent death and a cantor singing a niggun, reciting a poem and chanting El Malei Rachamim, a prayer of remembrance. You will be invited to share a photo of your loved one(s) during the program.

Upon completion of our formal program at 8:30pm, participants are invited to stay online for brief personal sharing and information about our upcoming support groups.

This event is free of charge. Register today to receive the Zoom link to the program and additional grief and loss resources following the program.

jcfs.formstack.com/forms/grieving_death_during_pandemic

For more information contact Diane Halivni | DianeHalivni@JCFS.org | 847.745.5459

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Cantor David Berger

Cantor Berger is known for his expertise in traditional cantorial singing and Jewish world music. He is accomplished in religious studies, philosophy, sacred music and cantorial ordination.

Michael Simon

Michael Simon is Executive Director of Northwestern Hillel, one of the top Hillels in the U.S. He has a passion for his family, for ideas, and for building community. He lost his beloved mother in August 2020.

Laurie Garber-Amram, LCSW

Laurie Garber-Amram is a Grief and Mental Health Specialist at JCFS Chicago, and a Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Instructor certified through the Institute for Jewish Spirituality.
This year, Yeshivat Chovevei Torah is featuring our rabbi and our community as part of their annual event From Vision to Mission: Rabbis Transforming Communities. The event is virtual and tickets start at $18. Please consider joining and supporting Rav Ari on March 7 at 8:00pm. To register and/or donate, go to https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=yctorah&id=40

Vaccine Resources
All Skokie residents age 18 and over, and healthcare workers employed at a Skokie healthcare provider, are invited to pre-register to receive a future notification from the Village's Health and Human Services Department when they qualify to make a COVID-19 vaccination appointment. Click on the link above for information about eligibility and questionnaire to be completed to pre-register. Sign up for COVID-19 Alerts when new information is posted on the website and be sure to also subscribe to SkokieNews for email advisories.

The following two resources may also be helpful for those who qualify but have not yet registered:

- This is a helpful document that is updated regularly and contains links to many sites where you can obtain vaccines across the State: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nuDrRyyej3uJRJKYBQbAYrxgi-Gr-yKmnwQU7qqaBFU/edit
- This is an initiative led by Refuah 311, Hatzalah, and the Agudah to supply vaccine doses to eligible individuals, in and beyond the Jewish community: https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/BDChRc
Community Counter would like you to watch this video. Together, we can save lives. [https://youtu.be/LnVGzyQ_PGM](https://youtu.be/LnVGzyQ_PGM)

We’re here to help! Community Counter ([communitycounter.org](http://communitycounter.org)) is a comprehensive Covid-19 resource for our Orthodox community. CC has an extensive list of testing resources and can assist if you have tested positive and would like support with meals, counseling, plasma trials or finding solid medical and public health guidance. You can help keep our community safer by completing a short survey (anonymously, if you prefer) for contact tracing.

Please consider making a donation at [https://www.communitycounter.org/donate](https://www.communitycounter.org/donate). Endorsed by local Rabbanim, doctors and several public health depts. Questions? Call or text 847-986-0635, or email info@communitycounter.org. Thank you for partnering with us in protecting our community!

**Virtual Blood Drive has been extended to February 28**

In times when we can’t be together in person, we can still be together in support of our community. In partnership with Kol Sasson, we’re hosting a virtual blood drive after having to cancel our in-person drives due to COVID-19. Sign up to donate blood as part of our virtual blood drive; you’ll get an email invitation to find a convenient donation site and pick your appointment!

Because of you, life doesn’t stop. Join us today: [Click here](#)

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Please note that, in order to keep everyone healthy, the shul office is still closed to walk-in visits. Please mail checks to the office, or put them in the mailbox next to the alley door. If you need to come to the office, please call Rose at 846-674-3473 to make an appointment. Rose and Carin are available by email and phone from 9am to 2pm Monday through Friday.

Thank you for your understanding.