

SKOKIE VALLEY

Welcomes you!



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Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, November 29

Shacharit: 7:00 am **Rosh Chodesh Kislev**
Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Maariv: 4:11 pm
Candle lighting: 4:01 pm

Shabbat November 30

Shacharit: 9:00 am
Drasha: Returning to the Root
Mincha/Maariv: 4:00 pm
Havdallah: 5:03 pm

Sunday, December 1

Shacharit: 9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv: 4:15 pm

Daily Shacharit

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

Daily Maariv

Monday through Thursday: 8:00 pm

[Todah Rabah](#)

Kiddush this week is co-sponsored by **Skokie Women's Tefillah Group**.

Seudah shlishit is sponsored this Shabbat by **Avery Hart & Nina Black and Melissa Hart** on the yahrzeit of Avery and Melissa's father, Henry Hart z"l; **Shlomo & Miriam Latinik** on the yahrzeit of Shlomo's mother, Tzipporah Latinik z"l; by **Tammy & Louis Pretekin** on the yahrzeit of Tammy's mother, Susan Schuster z"l.

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

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

Skokie Valley is deeply committed to the mitzvah of Hachnasat Orchim (Hospitality). Every Shabbat, members of our community open their homes, providing accommodations, Friday night meals, and Shabbat lunches for visitors. We have created a Hospitality Request form under "Contacts" on our website where people can submit requests for hospitality. **If you would like to host visitors, please contact Nina Black at hospitality@svaj.org and she will put you on her list of possible hosts.**

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

Shabbat December 6-7: Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Samantha Baskind

Dr. Baskind is a Professor of Art History and well-known author whose research focuses on Jewish American Art.

Friday, December 6th: Oneg Shabbat @ 8 pm: "The Warsaw Ghetto in American Art and Culture"

Shabbat morning drasha after Musaf: Understanding Art Spiegelman's *Maus*

Motzei Shabbat Program at 7:30 pm: Silent Auction of donated artwork and Judaica, catered reception.

8:00 pm: Presentation: "What is Jewish Art? Controversy and Confusion"

RSVP for reception at <https://www.svaj.org/baskind-reception>

For more information, or to donate artwork or Judaica, contact Sara Berkowicz at

kiddo323@hotmail.com or Elliot Raff at elliotraff@gmail.com or call the office.

Sunday December 8 @ 7:30 pm: Jewish Ethics and Maternal Health: Myth and Facts. Join Rabbi Marianne Novak, Eve Kleinerman of Sharsheret, and Daphne Lazar-Price of JOFA for a conversation on reproductive choice, halakha, and Jewish values and the implications for women's health. Contact dani@jofa.org with any questions.

Tuesday, December 24 @ 4:30 pm: Save the date for the Annual Miriam Bromberg z"l Cookie Bake. Cookie decorating, crafts for kids, packing bracha bags for the homeless and joy bags for kids in the ER, winter coat/gear collection for recent refugees, pizza and snacks and optional cookie delivery to first responders! Volunteers needed!! Contact Meira Goldman meira.katzoff@gmail.com to help!

Shabbat/Chanukah, December 28 - Sponsors needed for the special Chanukah Kiddush. Please go to www.svaj.org/kiddush-sponsor

Sunday, December 29 @ 8 pm: Chanukah Gathering. Holiday themed music, food and beverages will be offered intermixed with Divrei Torah and other Chanukah activities for adults.

This Week's Classes at Skokie Valley - November 29 - December 6

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

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

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

Thursday @ 10:00am: New Class! BYOK (Bring Your Own Kid) 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 beginning with Hilchot Deot of the Rambam.

*******Hakarat Hatov – Recognizing the Good*******

Many thanks to our amazing Mark Vernon for fixing our boiler so that we all will be warm and cozy this winter!! The few days of cold did not deter our members of the daily minyan from attending!

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.



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....Hermine & Marvin Becker!

MARVIN: Hometown: Chicago
Favorite Jewish Food: Gefilte Fish
Something you don't know about me: I was 6'3", now I'm 5'10"
Years at Skokie Valley: 27 years
Latkes or Hamentaschen: Latkes
Profession: Retired
Favorite Guilty Pleasure: Staying up late
Favorite City in Israel: Jerusalem
Foreign Country to Visit: Ecuador

HERMINE: Hometown: Chicago
Something we don't know about you: Marvin and I have been married for 53 years and we have lived in Skokie for 50 years.
Years at Skokie Valley: 27 years
Profession: Retired
Last Book Read: *Between You and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates
Favorite Guilty Pleasure: Always ready to travel to a place we have never been
Favorite City in Israel: Jerusalem
Foreign Country to visit: Greek Isles



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

Tot Shabbat! Meets in Berger Beit Midrash from 10:30-11:15 am 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 must be in groups or in shul with you. If children are found wandering the building, they will be brought directly to you. We are asking for your partnership to help keep our children safe and the shul environment peaceful. Thank you! 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 at 9:15 am. To keep our rooms safe and clean, please do not bring lollipops or sticky candy into groups.

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

Sunday December 8, 1-2 pm @ Skokie Valley: Keshet Lauren Rosenblatt Memorial Concert. Bring the whole family to sing and tap along to Hanukkah, Jewish and pop music with Todd Kessler. Sensory friendly event. Tickets are \$18/family. Sponsorships welcome. Please make reservations in advance; seating is limited.
<https://keshet.org/events/concertforlauren/>

December 23-30: School's Out programs run by JCC Chicago at Skokie Valley during weekdays when school is not in session. School's Out provides an enriching environment for children in grades K-5 when school is closed. Professional staff balances specialized activities with opportunities for independent play. Go to <https://www.jccchicago.org/programs/schools-out/> for more information. **Skokie Valley members are eligible for a special discounted rate -- you must call 844.452.2244 to register to receive the special rate.**

Tuesday, December 10 @ 6:30 pm at Skokie Valley: Pre-Chanukah Fun Auction benefiting Chicago Chesed Fund, sponsored by Shlomo & Miriam Latinik. For more information, text or call Tzippy Blisko at 718-594-5202. Flyers are in the rack outside the sanctuary.

Saturday, December 14 @ 7:00 pm: Melave Malka Evening Program. Do American Jews and Israel Really Need Each Other? And Why? Featuring Dr. Daniel Gordis Senior Vice President and Koret Distinguished Fellow, Shalem Center. Ida Crown Jewish Academy 8233 Central Park Ave • Skokie. Program and Dessert at 7:00 pm. This program is free and open to the community but advance registration is required. To register please, [please visit www.aipac.org/OTMelaveMalka](http://www.aipac.org/OTMelaveMalka). For questions or to RSVP please contact Ariel Schwartzbach at aschwartzbach@aipac.org or 312.253.8975.

Sunday, December 15 @ 10:00 am: Hillel Torah's Alana Beth Stein Early Childhood Program invites prospective and current families to Sunday Funday at Skokie Valley. For more information, visit www.hilleltorah.org or contact Margot Parnass, Director of Admissions, 847-674-6533 ext 209 or margot.parnass@hilleltorah.org

Sunday, December 15 @ 10:00 am: Seven Things That Will Surprise You About How People Observe Niddah with guest speaker Dr. Naomi Marmon Grumet. At Anshe Emet Synagogue. Open to the community. For more information, contact Sara Wolkenfeld at sarawolkenfeld@gmail.com

Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 16 & 17, 7 pm: Chicago Women Charity Players is back with *Les Miserables*, a CWCP adaptation benefiting the Sharlene Levinson Bikur Cholim, Chicago. See our talented Skokie Valley members **Corinne Engelhart, Malka Simkovich** and **Sarah Eisenstein** perform! Performances are at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd. General admission tickets available for purchase now at Magenta Boutique, 3764 Devon, Lincolnwood. Sponsorships & advertising opportunities available. Contact cwcp tickets@gmail.com or call 773-465-6576. **Women & girls only.**

Saturday night, December 21 at 7:30 pm. NCSY presents The Q2--The Ultimate Live Trivia Experience Returns, honoring our own Noah and Suzanne Mishkin at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center. For more information: midwest.ncsy.org/theQ