Shabbat Hagadol - Erev Pesach
Parshat Tzav
14 Nissan 5781

Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, March 26
7:15 am: Shacharit
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only and via Zoom
https://zoom.us/j/713951311
passcode 613

6:30 pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only
Candle lighting: 6:50 pm

Shabbat, March 27
7:30 am: Shacharit **Note earlier time**
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only

6:45: Mincha/Maariv
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only

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

Mazal Tov!
Fran Abramson gratefully welcomes her granddaughter, Eden Adele (Aiden Devorah), born on 3/23 to her wonderful parents, Jon and Nomi Rosenblatt and big sister, Orly. Thank G-d, all are healthy and doing well. Orly is very excited about the upcoming pizza party!

Mazel tov to Felicia and Michael Zieff and family on the birth of a grandson to their children Melissa and Nachi Cohen!

Yahrzeits:
- 13 Nissan/Mar 26 Joseph Witt z”l (Lorraine Barsky)
- 13 Nissan/Mar 26 Sol Schwartz z”l (Michael Schwartz)
- 16 Nissan/Mar 29 Leon Glassner z”l (Sharon Glassner, Ellyce Glassner)
- 16 Nissan/Mar 29 Yael Hoffman z”l (Karen Zimmerman)
- 17 Nissan/Mar 30 Barney Horwitz z”l (Muriel Finkel)
- 19 Nissan/April 1 Belle Levin z”l (Miffie Nagorsky)
- 19 Nissan/April 1 Miriam Swatez z”l (Marc Swatez)

The Skokie Valley Kiddush Committee presents
Post Pesach Kiddush-to-Go bags!
Order by April 4, pickup is April 8 at Skokie Valley. Order:
https://www.svaj.org/kiddushbags.
Delivery volunteers needed!
**Passover Schedule**

**Thursday 3/25**

**Taanit Bechorot**
Shacharit: 7:00 am
Siyum: 7:45 am in-person and on zoom
Zoom: [https://zoom.us/j/713951311](https://zoom.us/j/713951311) Passcode 613

Sell chametz by 1:00pm [Click here for form](link)

Mincha/Maariv: 6:50 pm
Bedikat Chametz: after 7:51 pm

**Friday 3/26**
Shacharit: 7:15 am
Friday morning: Burn chametz by 11:41 am

(Joint Or Torah - Skokie Valley Chametz burn will take place in Skokie Valley parking lot this year from 7:00am until 11:30am.) Do NOT recite kol chamira.

**Shabbat**

**Friday Night**
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv: 6:30 pm
Candle lighting: 6:50 pm

**Shabbat Morning 3/27**
Shacharit: 7:30 am - **note earlier time.**
Chametz may be eaten until 10:27 am.
Dispose of any remaining chametz and nullify chametz by reciting kol chamira by 11:41 am.

**Shabbat afternoon**
Mincha/Maariv: 6:45 pm

**First Night of Pesach - Saturday Night 3/27**
7:53 pm - One may light yom tov candles from a pre-existing flame and begin the first seder. Due to seder falling right after shabbat, we use the Yaknehaz order for blessings: yayin (borei pri hagafen), kiddush (kiddush for Pesach), neir (borei meorei ha-eish), havdalah (hamavdil ben kodesh lekodesh), zman (shehechiyanu).

**1st Day of Pesach - Sunday 3/28**
Shacharit: 9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv: 6:45 pm
Candle Lighting and start of second seder: not before 7:53 pm

**2nd Day of Pesach - Monday 3/29**
Shacharit: 9:00 am
Mincha followed by shiur followed by Maariv: 7:00 pm
Havdalah: 7:55 pm
Chol Hamoed Tuesday 3/30 to Friday morning 4/2
Shacharit: 7:00 am
Mincha/Maariv: 6:55 pm
In person and on zoom: https://zoom.us/j/713951311 Passcode 613

Second Days of Yom Tov
Friday 4/2
Candle Lighting: 6:57 pm
Mincha/Abbreviated Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv: 6:30 pm

Saturday 4/3
Shacharit: 9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv: 6:30 pm

Sunday 4/4
Shacharit: 9:00 am
Yizkor: not before 10:30 am
(Stay tuned for more information on in-person and zoom options)
Mincha followed by shiur followed by Maariv: 7:25 pm
Havdallah 8:02 pm

Pesach Youth Programming

Outdoor Groups
We are excited to be able offer outdoor, in person, drop-off groups for children ages 5-12 for the three day yom tov of Shabbat and Pesach, the mornings of March 27th, 28th, and 29th. These groups are a trial run towards getting back to our regular shul offerings and are intended to facilitate parents attending shul.
Please register your children if members of your household are planning on attending in-person services.
More information and registration here: https://www.svaj.org/pesach-youth-groups

The Great Frog Hunt!
Hundreds of Pesach frogs are hiding outside the Skokie Valley building! They can be found in front of the shul, playground, grassy area, parking lot, and anywhere else on the premises. Find the frogs, then bring them home. After Yom Tov, take a picture - any family that submits a picture with at least five frogs will receive a prize. The hunt is open to all beginning at 7:00am Shabbat morning and will last throughout Pesach.

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

Passover Baking with Elli of Belliful
Wednesday, 3/31 @ 3:30 pm
Kid-friendly class baking Passover brownies and chocolate chip cookies! Click for Zoom Passcode 613. Recipe will be sent in an email before the class.
Passover Information and Resources
This information also appears on our website at
https://www.svaj.org/pesach-2021

Donate to Maot Chittim
Kashering Questions for Rav Ari via Whatsapp
Halachic Guidelines for what to do when Shabbat Precedes Pesach

Baking Classes
If you missed Leah Neiman’s class making Chocolate Toffee Matzoh Crunch, watch the video here.

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Pesach guides:
OU Guide
CRC guide. A limited number of CRC guides are available inside the alley door to the shul.

If you are in need of a seder to go and also need financial support, please let Rav Ari know.

This Week at Skokie Valley

Tuesday, March 30
2:00 pm: The Book of Genesis with Rav Ari. https://zoom.us/j/7139513111 passcode: 613

Thursday, April 1
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
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=SHBQQzIwzbYzSjArNkFBUUowSGd6Zz09 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=T21mZG9wcV10cTBRWThiSTBEM0FIZz09 Passcode: 613 One tap mobile +13126266799,,87392335225# Meeting ID: 873 9233 5225

**Please be sure to vote in the upcoming Skokie Consolidated Elections on April 6th. Please click here for early voting dates and places.**

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. Available times are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 am to 1 pm. 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.

If you want to sign up for a time not indicated above, please contact the office for availability.

The Skokie Valley Spring 2021 Learning Series Presents:

- **Tuesday, March 23 • 8 PM • On Zoom**
  Rabbinic Drinking—Learning Themes in Rabbinic Literature through the Drinking Glass
  RSVP for 7:30 PM wine tasting: svaj.org/wine-tasting

- **Tuesday, April 6 • 8 PM • On Zoom**
  The Koval Story—Infusing Business with Jewish Values
  The Largest Organic/Kosher Craft Distillery
  RSVP for 7:30 PM svaj.org/koval

- **Tuesday, April 13 • 8 PM • On Zoom**
  Black Is the New Black: A Typology of Israeli Television Programs about Haredi Jews

- **Tuesday, April 20 • 8 PM • On Zoom**
  Kosher Beaches: What Separate Beaches Say about Israel Today

- **Tuesday, April 27 • 8 PM • On Zoom**
  What is the Best Chocolate? Jewish Ethics Mix into our Chocolate Eating

- **Tuesday, May 4 • 8 PM • On Zoom**
  Jewish Resilience through Chocolate
  RSVP for 7:30 PM svaj.org/chocolate-tasting

Zoom Links to Be Emailed. • 847-674-3473 (Office) • email: office@svaj.org

RSVP for Mixology class with Koval Spirits before the talk by Dr Sonat Birnecker Hart on 4/6

The recording of Dr. Jordan Rosenblum’s class held on 3/23 can be found at https://youtu.be/KXmRYCT5Gzo
Click here to reserve your Post-Passover Kiddush Bag!

Skokie Valley Kiddush Committee
Presents

Kiddush Bags!
Thursday, April 8

Go to svaj.org/kiddushbags to order your complimentary bag!

Deadline to order: Sunday, April 4
Pickup will be at Skokie Valley on April 8
Delivery available for those who are unable to pick up.
Delivery volunteers needed!

Click to visit Skokie Valley’s YouTube Channel for all videos, including Rav Ari’s video drashot.

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!
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 JUF programs:
- **April 9**: Community Recovery Seder, an alcohol-free experiential Seder
- **Operation Snowball April 23-25**: An intensive leadership weekend planned by teens for teens. Balanced with activities that are thought-provoking and fun, high school students can make their voices heard about social issues important to them through workshops, dialogue, and artistic expression. For more information go to [https://www.jcfs.org/response/leadership/operation-snowball](https://www.jcfs.org/response/leadership/operation-snowball). Register by April 12.

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](smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2477806)

Beyond Skokie Valley

We’re Back! with PORchTRAITS for PESACH
Do you finally have your whole family together again?
Let’s Celebrate with a family portrait.
For 4 days during Chol HaMoed Deja Views will take safe outdoor family portraits - unlimited poses.

We have a limited number of 1/2hr sessions available - $125 (20% to Maot Chitim)
Call/Email Today to schedule your session
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**APRIL 8, 6:30 PM (CDT)**
Illinois Holocaust Museum | Virtual Program

Join Illinois Holocaust Museum, Sheerit Hapleitah of Metropolitan Chicago, Chicago Jewish Community Relations Council, Jewish Federations of Chicago, Champaign-Urbana, Springfield, Rockford, Southern Illinois, Quad Cities and Peoria, the Office of the Governor, the Illinois Jewish Legislative Caucus, and CJE SeniorLife Holocaust Community Services for a virtual gathering in observance of Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day).

The powerful commemoration will include remarks by Illinois Holocaust Museum, Sheerit Hapleitah, and Jewish Community Relations Council leaders; an emotional reading of the *Legacy of Holocaust Survivors and the Pledge of Acceptance of the Second Generation*; a candle-lighting ceremony featuring stories of Survivors and grandchildren of Survivors; a memorial tribute with participation from several Midwest Consul Generals and statewide officials; and memorial prayers & song chanted by Cantor Pavel Rojtman of Wilmette’s Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah.

Together, we will honor the memory of those who were murdered during the Shoah and pay tribute to those who survived and have made a better world for us all.

**Registration:** [https://ihm.ec/yomhashoah2021](https://ihm.ec/yomhashoah2021)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to access the program.

*The Museum is a partner with the Jewish United Fund in serving our community.*

Community Partners: Association of Descendants of the Shoah-Illinois (ADSI); CJE SeniorLife Holocaust Community Services; National Louis University