

# SKOKIE VALLEY

*Welcomes you!*



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## Shabbat Nachamu Parshat Vaetchanan 11 Av 5780

### Shabbat Shalom!

#### Friday, July 31

7:30 am: Shacharit

<https://zoom.us/j/713951311>

6:00 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat online with  
Hebrew Institute of Riverdale

<http://zoom.us/j/6136133703>

6:45 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat  
Tefillah in Social Hall with kaddishes,  
for pre-registered members only.  
Candle lighting: 7:50 pm

#### Shabbat August 1

9:00 am: *For pre-registered members only*

Mincha: 7:55 pm

Havdallah: 8:51 pm

#### Daily Shacharit

9:00 am Sunday

7:30 am Monday through Friday

*For pre-registered members only* and via Zoom

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#### Daily Mincha/Maariv

7:55 pm: *For pre-registered members only* and  
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### **Welcome New Members!**

Evvy & Robert Gordon

Shira & Norman Eliaser & family

### **Mazal Tov!**

Tzeitchem l'Shalom to Miriam & Howard Nuer and  
family. Wishing you hatzlacha on your aliya to  
Israel!

### **Yahrzeits:**

10 Av/July 31 David Abraham z"l (Jed Abraham)

14 Av/August 4 Nathan Seidman z"l (Susan Litwin)

15 Av/August 5 Lauren Rosenblatt z"l (Fran Abramson)

16 Av/August 6 Lillian Cohen z"l (Dorothy Cohen)

16 Av/August 6 Sarah Klapman z"l (Linda Forman)

**Access up-to-date information about  
reopening, indoor tefillot, future outdoor  
activities, etc. by going to our [COVID-19  
Resource page](#) on [SVAJ.org](http://SVAJ.org).**

**Download our new mobile app, with links to our  
calendar and our virtual offerings:**

<https://www.svaj.org/getapp>

**See instructions below for registering  
for indoor tefillot.**

**It's time to renew your membership! Go to <https://www.svaj.org/membership-renewal> and  
renew today!**

Welcome to Rose Blumstein, who will be assisting Carin part-time to help with some administrative office tasks! Please note that the office is still closed, but as always, you can reach us by phone or email.

## Tefillot Registration

We are excited to be moving back indoors for weekday and Shabbat tefillot. Before registering, you must read our safety protocols [here](#). Each participant must be a member and pre-registered.

For those who wish to participate, there are two steps you must take:

**Step 1: Register for tefillah participation at Skokie Valley.** We ask that those who registered for outdoor tefillah register again as we have updated the guidelines for indoor tefillah.

[Click here for tefillah registration.](#) If you need help registering, please call the office 847-674-3473.

**Step 2: Sign up for specific tefillot.** You will receive a link to the sign up form when you complete your registration in step 1.

**Stay connected on Zoom! If you have a computer, it is easy to join these classes! Classes also appear on the home page of [svaj.org](http://svaj.org)--just click on the name of each class for the link to join!**

### **Shabbat August 1:**

**9:30 am, 10:30 am: Tot Shabbat in the Park!** Join us as we safely meet outdoors with Tot Shabbat in the Park! Meet at Timber Ridge Park. Bring your own blanket/chairs and snacks. **Pre-registration required!**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10WGaVg1uwMQqj47mFDexAckX3401JfM3snu\\_xmbbcdY/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10WGaVg1uwMQqj47mFDexAckX3401JfM3snu_xmbbcdY/edit#gid=0)

**4:30- 6:30 pm: Fond Farewell to the Nuer Family at Seneca Park (behind Chabad just south of Dempster).** Please join us in wishing a very fond farewell to Miriam, Howard, Shalom, Gabbi and Shaina! We are sad to see them go but very excited for their new start in Israel. Come help us wish them all the best as they move to Israel, an exciting new chapter for their family.

Please wear masks and keep responsible social distancing (6 feet). Individuals and families are asked to bring a blanket to put down in the grass to help adherence. In order to avoid crowding we have broken down attendance into smaller groups based on last name:

4:30-5pm - If your last name starts with the letters A to G.

5-5:30pm - If your last name starts with the letters H to M.

5:30-6pm - If your last name starts with the letters N to S.

6-6:30pm - If your last name starts with the letters T to Z.

Thank you for coming out to wish the Nuer family all the best and show them how much they are appreciated by their Skokie friends!

### **Sunday, August 2:**

**8:30 am: The Halachot of Daily Life:** 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. Fill out this form or email Rav Ari [ravari@svaj.org](mailto:ravari@svaj.org) with halachic questions you'd like to be discussed.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeAIpeSJxtSP4UaqMxwg\\_8M8iJVFXTLcu9NkjUrQXq8F8f1Kg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeAIpeSJxtSP4UaqMxwg_8M8iJVFXTLcu9NkjUrQXq8F8f1Kg/viewform)

**4:00 pm: Sunday Funday:Chalk Art.** We will be creating inspiring chalk art messages around Skokie Valley and as a Chesed in front of some members' homes. Meet in front of Skokie Valley.

**RSVP required:** <https://www.svaj.org/chalk-art>

**7:00 pm: Idolatry & Identity.** Join us as the series continues with Dr. Sam Fleischacker, who will discuss "What is Idolatry?" **Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89729720967> **Password 613**

Meeting ID: 897 2972 0967 One tap mobile 3126266799,,89729720967#

**Download the source sheets for Sunday's lecture by clicking [here](#). Details in flyer below.**

### **Wednesday August 5:**

**3:00 pm: Dance for Life:** Tune in to this easy to follow Dance for Your Life exercise program. This is a 30 minute dance routine in your chair--safe, fun and gets your whole body moving!

**Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88083912997> **Password: 613**

### **Thursday August 6:**

**11:00 am: How to Begin Talking About Racial Justice, a hands-on workshop with Giulienne Rollins-Rishon,** a biracial Ashkenazi and Black American Rebbetzin, entrepreneur, speaker, and writer. As the granddaughter of German Holocaust survivors and Southern Black Americans, Gulienne uses her own identity to encourage others to explore their relationship with race, religion, and culture.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82345608253>

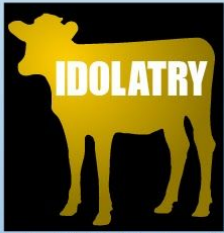
**11:15 am: Skokie Valley Lunch Club with Bobbie Winter:** Join Bobbie Winter, LCSW, for a cup of coffee and informal conversation, sharing common issues in managing the new normal of life during a pandemic.

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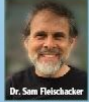
<b>Communal resources:</b> <a href="#">Schedule some one on one time with Rav Ari</a> <a href="#">Chicago Jewish Community Support</a> <a href="#">COVID-19 and Domestic Abuse Resources</a> <a href="#">COVID-19 and Child Abuse</a> <a href="#">SHALVA COVID-19 Orthodox Outreach</a>	<b>Join our WhatsApp groups!</b> <a href="#">Women of Skokie Valley</a> <a href="#">Skokie Valley Chesed Corps</a> <a href="#">Let's Share Torah</a>
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## ***Beyond Skokie Valley***

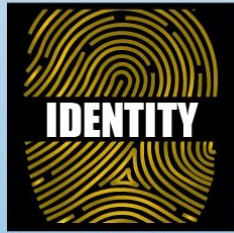
**Sunday, August 21 11 AM - 1 PM: Taste of Limmud:** Do you love learning Torah ? Do you want to get a taste of Limmud from your own home? Join us to learn from local presenters, including Skokie Valley members Jane Shapiro and Malka Simkovich, and build community with others through music and a virtual "lounge." Via Zoom. More information and register at <https://www.limmudchi.org/taste-2020.html>



**July 12, 19, 26 • Aug. 2**



**Dr. Sam Fleischacker**  
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**August 16 & 23**



**Joshua Shanes**  
Since the middle ages, Jews lived in autonomous communities that clearly defined the meaning and obligations of Jewishness. The rise of the modern centralized state in the 19th century, and the impact of Enlightenment and secularization, radically transformed this reality and in response, Jews reconstructed their identities. These classes will compare and contrast the rise of new religious denominations in Western Europe—particularly Orthodoxy—with competing denominations of Eastern Europe, above all Zionism.



**July 12, 19, 26 • Aug. 16, 23 • 7pm**

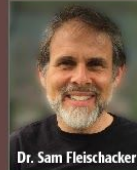
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Joshua Shanes (a member of Skokie Valley) is Associate Professor of Jewish Studies, and Director of the Arnold Center for Israel Studies, at the College of Charleston. He has published widely on modern Jewish politics, culture and religion in both academic and popular outlets, and is currently writing a monograph on the history of Orthodoxy.

# What is Idolatry?

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(and again on 19, 26 August 2, 2020)

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He is the author of eight books, including *The Good and the Good Book* (Oxford, 2015) and *Divine Teaching and the Way of the World*, (Oxford, 2011), and the editor of two collections of papers, including *Heidegger's Jewish Followers* (Duchesne, 2008).

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