Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, July 23
7:00 am: Shacharit
6:30 pm: Mincha Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv
Earliest candle lighting: 6:47 pm
Candle lighting: 7:59 pm

Shabbat, July 24
9:00 am: Shacharit
Guest drasha: Leah Neiman
6:00 pm: Mincha with Skokie Women’s Tefillah Group in Social Hall
7:55 pm: Mincha/Maariv
Havdalah: 9:01 pm

Sunday July 25
9:00 am: Shacharit
8:05 pm: Mincha/ Maariv

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

Daily Mincha/Maariv
Monday through Thursday: 8:05 pm

Tefillot on Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/713951311
passcode 613

Mazal tov!
To our own Samantha Spolter who was named to Oy!Chicago’s 36 under 36 list for 2021! Read all about it here: http://oychicago.com/36under36/bio36-2021.aspx?id=29764&cid=20374

Have some good news? Please email the Skokie Valley office so we can add to our weekly bulletin and email and share with the community!

Yahrzeits
15 Av/July 24 Lauren Elizabeth Rosenblatt z”l (Fran Abramson)
16 Av/July 25 Lillian Cohen z”l (Dorothy Cohen)
16 Av/July 25 Sarah Klapman z”l (Linda Forman)
18 Av/July 27 Miriam Saltzman z”l (Lewis Saltzman)
19 Av/July 28 Louis S. Gilbert z”l (Batya Gilbert-Koplow)

Rav Ari will be away until 7/26.
For all general shul inquiries, please contact the office at 847-674-3473 or office@svaj.org.
For rabbinic matters, please reach out to Rabbi Joe Ozarowski at ravjoe@gmail.com.
In case of a rabbinic emergency please call Rav Ari at 312-315-9178.
This Week at Skokie Valley

Shabbat, July 24
9:30-11:00 am: Outdoor, in person, drop-off groups for children ages 5-12 will be held in the big tent. Register here if you have not already registered for groups. All children must complete a one-time registration. For the safety of all, children must either be in shul or in the tent during services and may not play unsupervised outside the building.

10:30 am: Tot Shabbat in Timber Ridge Park, weather permitting. Bring a blanket and a mask for everyone over 2 who is not vaccinated, and join the growing Tot Shabbat community!

11:15 am to 12:30 pm: Kiddush in the big tent

6:00 pm: Please join the Skokie Women’s Tefillah Group for Mincha Tu b’Av Shabbat Nachamu in the Skokie Valley Social Hall followed by Seudah Shlishit in the tent. Davening begins promptly at 6 PM. Masks are required for participants who are not vaccinated.

Watch your inbox for High Holidays information--coming very soon!!

Membership Renewal
We invite you to renew your membership for 2021-2022 online. You can also contact the office for assistance at 847-674-3473 or office@svaj.org. Go to https://www.svaj.org/membership-renewal to renew today!

5782 Memorial Book
With the holidays approaching, it’s time to submit your listing in the Memorial Book now. In order to ensure that your listing appears in the book, it must be received by August 16. Go to https://www.svaj.org/memorial-book-5782 to submit your listing or contact the office if you need help. You can see last year’s listing at https://www.svaj.org/yizkor-book-5781
RSVP Women: https://www.svaj.org/womens-pool-party

RSVP Men: https://www.svaj.org/mens-pool-party

Sunday, August 1 @ 8:30 pm in Skokie Valley Social Hall: Book Launch with Dr. Ben Zion Katz. Join our member Ben Katz for a discussion of his book *A Student’s Companion to The Guide of the Perplexed by Moses Maimonides*. Books will be available for purchase from the author at the event. In person in the Social Hall and on Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87952677627?pwd=SUR5UFJo2FvTmNzbXBoVTkrVmNiZz09 Passcode 613

**BOOK LAUNCH**

Dr. Ben Zion Katz

Sunday, August 1
8:30 pm
Skokie Valley, Social Hall

In this book, the main ideas of Moses Maimonides' famous Guide of the Perplexed are laid out in a non-technical way so that it can then be read by an ambitious beginner or even a sharp high-school student. It also includes outlines of Maimonides' life and the structure of the Guide itself. Finally, the philosophical background needed to follow Maimonides' arguments and a chapter by chapter summary and commentary are provided.

Books will be available for purchase from the author at the event, or you may purchase them from your favorite bookseller.

The event will also be on Zoom - link to be emailed.
Youth Department News

Shabbat @ 9:30-11:00 am: Outdoor, in person, drop-off groups for children ages 5-12 will be held in the tent every Shabbat, barring extreme weather. They will enjoy games and snacks in the tent under the supervision of Rosa Shanes and our madrichim. All children and staff must remain masked for the duration of groups except while eating snacks while socially distanced.

If you have not yet registered for groups, please do so here. All children must complete a one-time registration. In the coming weeks we will expand the programming and duration of groups -- stay tuned!

For the safety of all, children must either be in shul or in the tent during services and may not play unsupervised outside the building.

Security & Safety Upgrades

Exterior doors to the building will remain locked any time there is no security guard present. Access to the building will be available via keycards, keys, office buzzer during business hours and "Minyan Bell" during weekday tefillot. The doors will be locked for Kabbalat Shabbat or Mincha. Keycards may be brought and used for Friday night services before Shabbat begins.

On Shabbat morning, a guard and greeters will be at the main entrance to let people in for Shabbat morning services.

If you would like a key card, please contact the office at 847-674-3473, office@svaj.org

Please contact Matt Marcus at safety@svaj.org to be added to our growing list of volunteer greeters. We need your help! Thanks!

Know someone who recently moved to Skokie who might be interested in 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!

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

Beyond Skokie Valley

Sunday, July 25 @ 6-9pm CDT: YCT’s 2nd Annual Climate Conference Celebrating Shemitah 5782. A virtual conference on Torah, climate change & Shemitah featuring YCT faculty and other experts. To register for the zoom link, go to yctorah.org/climate