Shabbat Mevarchim
Parshat Vayakhel
25 Adar I | February 26, 2022

Mazal Tov
Mazal Tov to Naomi Brown, her parents Mila Shiloach and Eric Brown, and family on her Bat Mitzvah this Shabbat!

Yahrzeits
26 Adar/Feb 27 Sarah Furman z”l (Eugene Chez)
27 Adar/Feb 28 Florence Abraham z”l (Jed Abraham)
28 Adar/Mar 1 Morris Lasky z”l (Jeanne Weinstein)
30 Adar/Mar 3 Jennie Silverman z”l (Dorothy Cohen)

Todah Rabah
Kiddush this Shabbat is sponsored by Mira Shiloach & Eric Brown in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Naomi Brown.

Seudah Shlishit:
Anne Klein and Doug & Debri Klein for the Yahrzeit of their mother and grandmother, Evelyn Brooks z”l
Don Karger on the yahrzeit of Don’s father Dr. David Karger z”l

The Skokie Valley Medical Committee has approved the following mask policy: Masks will continue to be welcome in all areas at the shul at all times, including a mask-only section on both sides of the mehitza, but as of Friday at Mincha, February 25th, masks will not be mandated.
## This Week

**Sunday**
9:00 am: **Shacharit** followed by the Abe Rosenblum Torah Discussion Group led by Dr. Ben Katz. Light breakfast is served.

10am: Family Art & Wellness Program in person in Social Hall. There’s still time to register at [https://www.svaj.org/family-arts-inperson](https://www.svaj.org/family-arts-inperson)

**Tuesday**
2:00 pm: The Book of Genesis with Rav Ari in the Social Hall and on Zoom: [https://zoom.us/j/713951311](https://zoom.us/j/713951311) passcode 613
3:00 pm: Learn the ENTIRE Tanach with friends from Skokie Valley! Project 929 Begins Again. This week the class will meet on Zoom only. Details below. Zoom: [https://zoom.us/j/713951311](https://zoom.us/j/713951311) passcode 613

**Thursday**
8:00 pm: Talmudic Perspectives on Marital Intimacy with Rabbi Steve Mandel. On Zoom only: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8713359036?pwd=U2pQcFVFV3F6SzFLZnJ1SjNqQWxuUT09 Passcode 613](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8713359036?pwd=U2pQcFVFV3F6SzFLZnJ1SjNqQWxuUT09)

Source Sheets: [https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1onP4CpAgAOzxWiABZGZvELBJ2SvQOE](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1onP4CpAgAOzxWiABZGZvELBJ2SvQOE)

**Friday**
5:15 pm: Family Shabbat Dinner. Reservations are closed.

### Youth Programming

**To download Devash: A Children and Families Parashah Magazine for this week’s Parshat Vayakhel, click here!**

**Tot Shabbat: 10:30 am**
This week our wonderful Tot Shabbat program for parents and kids 0-5 will meet in the Berger Beit Midrash at 10:30 am. Masks are optional. No registration is necessary.

We are creating a rotation of Tot Shabbat Leaders! Please sign up here to help.

**Shabbat groups: 9:30 am to end of shul**
Masks are optional for children attending groups. To ensure the safety of the children, please make sure they are supervised by an adult or in youth programming.

**Groups for children ages 4-12 will be held downstairs in these locations:**
- Chaverim: PreK-1st grade: Early Drop Off/Late Care Room
- Rayim: 2nd-3rd grade: Multipurpose Room
- Yedidim: 4th-6th grade: Youth Lounge
- Quiet Card and Games Room: 1st-6th Grade: Yellow Room

**Groups schedule for Chaverim, Rayim and Yedidim:**
- 9:30-10:25: Free Play
- 10:25: Cleanup
- 10:30: Snack
- 10:40-11:10ish: Tefillah & Parsha

Children will be brought to their parents in shul before Adon Olam.

**Any women who are interested in a Rosh Chodesh group, please reach out to Becca Linden at beccalinden@gmail.com**

**Save the date: March 17! Purim Extravaganza 2022! Stay tuned for details!**
Rabbi Steven Mandel attended Yeshiva College and received a BS degree in Psychology and in Jewish studies.

He received a master’s degree and rabbinic ordination from Yeshiva University, and has taught at many Jewish institutions, including the Hebrew Academy of Nassau County, Vancouver Talmud Torah, and the Hillel Academy in Ohio. He has also served on the board of Rabbis at Shomrei Emunah in Dayton, supervised the kashrus of the local bakery, and served on the Dayton Rabbinical Council.

A teacher to many over the years, he has taught numerous classes both in person and online, and includes many Skokie Valley members as his students.

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**SKOKIE VALLEY AGUDATH JACOB**  

*TALMUDIC PERSPECTIVES ON MARITAL INTIMACY WITH RABBI STEVE MANDEL*

ALL SESSIONS ON ZOOM  
THURSDAYS AT 8 PM

**FEB 24:** SESSION #1: LEGISLATING MARITAL INTIMACY - BIBLICAL AND RABBINIC MANDATES

**MAR 3:** SESSION #2: TALMUDIC LAWS OF MARITAL INTIMACY

**MAR 24:** SESSION #3: THE JEWISH MARRIAGE CONTRACT AND ONAH FREQUENCY

**APR 7:** SESSION #4: PILLOW TALK - INTIMATE CONVERSATION IN THE BEDROOM

**MAY 12:** SESSION #5: MODESTY OR LICENSE IN THE MARITAL BED

**MAY 26:** SESSION #6: RAV CHISDA AND HIS DAUGHTERS

**JUNE 2:** SESSION #7: MEDIEVAL CODIFIERS

**Zoom:** https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87133599036?pwd=U2pQcFVFV3F6SzFLZNJ15jNqQWzuUT09  
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Learn the ENTIRE Tanach with friends from Skokie Valley! Project 929 Begins Again
Three and a half years ago, Jews across the English-speaking world joined a journey of reading one chapter a day of Tanach, five days a week (Sunday through Thursday), including many in the Skokie Valley community. The first cycle was completed on Rosh Chodesh Adar, February 2, 2022. The second cycle of Project 929 began on Sunday 2/6/22 and will be completed on Rosh Chodesh Elul in August of 2025.

We have formed a group at Skokie Valley, facilitated by Myra Weiss, which will support one another as we go through this second cycle by meeting once a week to discuss the chapters read in the previous week. The group meets on Tuesday afternoons at 3 PM for about an hour, immediately following Rav Ari’s Bereshit class. Contact Myra Weiss myraweiss@gmail.com if you are interested and for more details. Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/713951311, password 613.

The link for the English 929 project is www.929.org.il/lang/en/today. This page presents a chapter every day in English translation, accompanied by a selection of short essays that help to elucidate the daily chapter. This is a wonderful opportunity to read the Tanach in the company--virtually or otherwise--of thousands of Jews across the world. For our Tuesday February 22 meeting we will discuss Genesis chapters 14-18. It’s not too late to join us!
RSVP: svaj.org/welcome-back-dinner-2022

Skokie Valley Swag!

Want to wear your Skokie Valley pride? Go to svaj.org/svaj-swag to order! Kids and adult sizes available. We’ve placed an initial order, when we have enough additional orders we will place another order with the company.

Skokie Valley also has an Etsy shop with fresh, original Jewish-themed designs on awesome sweatshirts and t-shirts for kids and adults. Go to etsy.com/shop/SkokieValley to order!
JUF Israel Summer Programs
The past two years have been full of ups and downs, but as we look ahead, we are full of confidence that your child will have an Israel experience they won’t forget. It can feel daunting when deciding on which trip is right for your child and we want to make that decision easier for you.

On March 2 at 7 pm CST, we’ll be hosting a virtual info session about Israel summer programs for high schoolers. We’ll be having a panel of leaders from 6 different youth movements so that you and your child can learn about all the options. We’ll also be discussing affordability and financial incentives. This program is for both parents and teens. Please register here or at https://jufregistrationplatform-prod.azurewebsites.net/Registration.aspx?EventID=26256