

# SKOKIE VALLEY

*Welcomes you!*



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## Parshat Vayechi 14 Tevet 5780

### Shabbat Shalom!

#### Friday, January 10

Shacharit: 7:15 am  
Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Maariv: 4:29 pm  
Candle lighting: 4:19 pm

#### Shabbat January 11

#### Bar Mitzvah of Toby and Yossi Burstyn

Shacharit: 9:00 am  
Mincha/Maariv: 4:15 pm  
Havdallah: 5:22 pm

#### Sunday, January 12

Shacharit: 9:00 am  
**Shiur Following Shacharit with  
Rabbi Yedidya Noiman**  
Mincha/Maariv: 4:35 pm

#### Daily Shacharit

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

#### Daily Maariv

Monday through Thursday: 8:00 pm

### Mazal Tov!

Mazal tov to **Chaya Gordon-Burstyn and Allan Burstyn** and family on the Bar Mitzvah of their sons Toby and Yossi.

Mazal tov to **Kathy & Jason Silver and big brother Jonah and big sister Nava** on the birth of a baby boy on January 6.

Mazal tov to **Tani & Scott Near and big sisters Lital & Ayelet** on the birth of a baby girl on Thursday morning.

### Todah Rabah

**Kiddush** is sponsored this shabbat by the **Gordon-Burstyn family** in honor of Toby's and Yossi's Bar Mitzvah.

**Because of the simcha this Shabbat, there will be no coffee klatch this week.**

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

***We are so thrilled that we continue to grow as a community! Thank you for warmly welcoming our new members.***

***To host a new family for a Shabbat meal please contact Rachel Stein [simesstein@gmail.com](mailto:simesstein@gmail.com)***

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

**Sunday, January 12 @10:00 am (after Shacharit): Rav Yedidya Noiman.** Rav Yedidya and his wife Neta, have devoted themselves to Torah and education. They were founding members of the Givat Shmuel Community Kollel. The Noimans and their four children recently returned to Israel after the Rav spent three years as the Rosh Kollel of the Kollel Torah Mitzion in Montreal. Rav Noiman currently serves as Ram (Rabbi and Educator) in Yeshivat Hesder Avinoam in Kfar Tapuach.

**Thursday, January 16 @ 8:15 pm: Kitchen manager training. Interested in being a kitchen manager? Join us for the practical part of this training with Tammi Finestone and Rav Ari.**

**If you are already a kitchen manager, we need you to join the Skokie Valley Kiddush and Simcha Team! Contact Tammi Finestone [finestone@me.com](mailto:finestone@me.com) for details!**

**Sundays January 12 and 19 @ 7:00 pm: Scientists in the Synagogue: Understandings and Intersections of Death and Halakha.** Rabbi Joseph Ozarowski, Dr. Noam Stadlan and Mindy Moline Botbol will provide a framework for how to think about death that includes how scientific and medical understanding has changed the definition of how and when death is determined and how Halakha both reflects and challenges those conceptions as it guides our actions. An informal discussion on the more practical matters of advanced directives, end of life choices, the role and meaning of Shiva in contemporary life, etc.

**Shabbat, January 18, 2020: Please join us for "Name Tag Shabbat" -- Parshat Shemot. "Where everybody knows your name." Volunteers are needed to sit at the name tag table--please contact the office if you can greet attendees and hand out name tags on Shabbat morning.**

**Sunday, January 19, 2020 @ 10:00 am: Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob Annual Meeting. Please attend! We will have committee reports and elections of the new slate: [www.svaj.org/slate-of-officers-2019-2020](http://www.svaj.org/slate-of-officers-2019-2020) Voting is open to all full members in good standing. A quorum is required and we urge you to attend.**

**This Week's Classes at Skokie Valley**

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

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

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

**Thursday @ 10:00 am: BYOK (Bring Your Own Kid) with Rav Ari. 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 studying Hilchot Deot of the Rambam.**

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

**Many thanks to Ron Weiner for his hard work and vigilance in monitoring the security of the doors in our building, and for his unparalleled proofreading skills.**

*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](mailto:office@svaj.org) Submissions may be anonymous.*

\*\*\*\*\*Youth News\*\*\*\*\*

**Tot Shabbat! We'll meet this week in Berger Beit Midrash from 10:30-11:15 am.** Tot Shabbat is 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 should be in groups or in shul with a caretaker. If children are found wandering the building, they will be brought directly to you. Thank you for your partnership in helping keep our children and community safe. For questions, contact Youth Director Sara Price [children@svaj.org](mailto:children@svaj.org)**

**Children's Groups begin at 9:30 am in four separate classrooms, with early babysitting available starting at 9:15 am.** To keep our rooms safe and clean, please do not bring lollipops or sticky candy into groups.



***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](mailto:office@svaj.org)!***

***Get to Know...Mira Shiloach & Eric Brown!!***

**Family Info:** Eric, Mira, and kids - Naomi (10), Orly (8), Gabriel (6)

**Hometown:** Mira- Rockville, Maryland. Eric- Bloomington/Normal

**Favorite Jewish Food:** Eric- kreplach

**Something that we don't know about you:** Mira- I spent 1 year living on a kibbutz and then 2 years in the Israeli army. Eric- enjoys the hobby of electronics and the study of world history

**How Long Have You Been at Skokie Valley:** 2 years

**The Last Book Read or Movie You've Seen:** Eric- *Unfreedom of the Press*

**Latkes or Hamentaschen:** Eric- Latkes

**Profession:** Mira- clinical research associate Eric- Chief Data Scientist

**Favorite Guilty Pleasure:** Eric- ask me on January 1 2020.

**Favorite City in Israel:** Eric- Jerusalem/Haifa tie

**What foreign country would you like to visit that you haven't been to yet?** Mira- Croatia. Eric- Slovenia



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

**Saturday, January 18 @ 7:30 pm-9:30 pm: Heal(thy) Pain: A Workshop for Couples led by Shelley Kleinman of Erasore.** Learn to harness your own healing power while elevating the connection with your partner. \$15 per person, \$20 per couple, paid at the door. RSVP to 847-674-3473 or come at the last minute. All proceeds donated to Skokie Valley.

**Saturday night, January 25, 2020 at 7:30pm:** Calling all foodies! "Noshed," a battle of the chefs based on the popular TV show "Chopped" will be at Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah in Wilmette. Three of Chicago's top kosher chefs will compete live to cook a creative dish out of a mystery basket of eclectic ingredients. Come out and sample delicious hors d'oeuvres (both meat and vegetarian), desserts, and drinks from popular kosher establishments and see which chef is crowned the winner by our panel of expert judges. Skokie Valley's own **Ricky Bielak** Owner/Chef, Tacos Gingi and **Bryan Gryka**, Executive Chef/General Manager, Milt's BBQ for the Perplexed will be among the contestants. Visit <https://www.bhbe.org/form/noshed2020.html> for tickets. Each ticket includes kosher hors d'oeuvres, two drink tickets, dessert, free parking, plus access to a food-themed silent auction and kosher wine pull.



Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob Presents

# Scientists in the Synagogue

***Understandings and Intersections  
of Death and Halakha***



Rabbi Joseph Ozarowski



Dr. Noam Stadlan

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*Part of Scientists in Synagogues, run by Sinai and Synapses in consultation with the AAAS Dialogue on Science, Ethics and Religion, and primarily funded by the John Templeton Foundation.*

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