Parshat Vayechi
14 Tevet | December 18, 2021

**Shabbat Shalom!**

**Friday, December 17**  
7:15 am: Shacharit  
4:01 pm: Candle lighting  
4:11 pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv  
8:00 pm: Scholar in Residence at the home of Rachel and Tzvi Novick. Call the office to RSVP for address.

**Shabbat, December 18**  
9:00 am: Shacharit  
4:00 pm: Mincha/Maariv  
Seudah Shlishit: “On the Promotion of Women in Israeli Academia:  
5:04 pm: Havdalah

**Sunday, December 19**  
9:00 am: Shacharit  
4:10 pm: Mincha/Maariv

**Daily Shacharit:**  
Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am  
Tues, Wed, & Fri: 7:15 am

**Daily Mincha/Maariv:**  
Sun, Mon, Wed & Thur: 4:10 pm

**Weekday Tefillot on Zoom:**  
[https://zoom.us/j/713951311](https://zoom.us/j/713951311)  
passcode 613

**Welcome Scholar in Residence**  
Michal Bar-Asher Siegal

**Welcome New Members**

Avi & Malkah Groner & family  
Kevin Kirshenbaum & Deni Rosen & family  
Shayna Steinberg

**Mazal Tov**

Mazal tov to:  
Kyla and Kevin Cira, big brother Leo, and grandparents Tammi and Bill Finestone, on the birth of a baby girl, Ava Isabel!

Corinne and Willie Engelhart and family on the birth of a granddaughter born to their children Aviva and Avi Engelhart, Israel.

Lydia and Asher Karoll and family on the birth of a granddaughter born to their children Shuli and Adam Karoll, Jerusalem.

**Baruch Dayan HaEmet**

It is with the deepest sadness that we announce the passing of Oliver Leopold, son of our member Alexander Brown & Mary Leopold.

**Yahrzeits**

13 Tevet/Dec 17 Jeanette Chez z”l (Eugene Chez)  
13 Tevet/Dec 17 Esther Cohen z”l (Sol Elgrably)  
15 Tevet/Dec 19 Ethel Kaplan z”l (Sylvia Kaplan)  
18 Tevet/Dec 22 Reuven Kuritsky z”l (Rita Utschen)  
19 Tevet/Dec 23 Jacob Becker z”l (Marvin Becker)  
19 Tevet/Dec 23 Moses Yadeed Meyer z”l (Edward Meyer)

**Todah Rabah**

Kiddush Fund donors:  
Harry Epstein in memory of his father, Harvey Epstein.  
Michael & Miriam Gutfraind in memory of Mike’s aunt Emilia bat Miriam.
Sunday
9:00 am: Shacharit followed by the Abe Rosenblum Torah Discussion Group led by Dr. Ben Katz. Light breakfast is served.

10:00 am: Jr. Madrichim Meeting (grades 6-7)
11:00 am: Madrichim Meeting (grades 8-12)
In Youth Lounge

8:15 pm: Youth Programming Town Hall.
https://zoom.us/j/713951311
Passcode 613

Tuesday
2:00 pm: The Book of Genesis with Rav Ari. In the Social Hall and on Zoom:
https://zoom.us/j/713951311
Passcode 613

Save the Date!
12/25 Light the Night Through Service! See Flyer below!

The Annual Meeting for Skokie Valley members will be held on Sunday, January 16, 2022, in person in the Social Hall and on Zoom. We will show our appreciation for our outgoing officers and Board members and then meet and vote for the new slate of officers. A special thank you goes to David Rubin and the Board Development Committee for their efforts in putting together our new slate.

The program will begin at 10:00 am and we aim to finish by 10:45 am. We will send information on how to vote on the slate online if you cannot attend in person. All full members in good standing of Skokie Valley are eligible to vote. The slate of officers was sent by email. If you want a copy of the slate, please contact the office: office@svaj.org or 847-674-3473.
Join Skokie Valley and Solu for an evening of service together!

On Saturday night, December 25th, at 6:30 PM we will be gathering in the Skokie Valley Social Hall to bring more light into the world through several different service projects.

Together we will bake and deliver cookies to first responders in memory of Miriam Bromberg z"l, and assemble health and hygiene kits for the homeless in partnership with the Night Ministry.

Please also bring in children's books (ages 5-18) to be organized during the program in order to restock the shelves of the Bright Star Family Literacy Center!

These programs are suitable for kids of all ages - so bring the whole family!
**Youth Programming**

**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 required for children 2 and older and encouraged for those under 2 who are able. 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 required for all 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 in the following locations:**
- Chaverim: PreK-1st grade: Early Drop Off/Late Care Room
- Rayim: 2nd grade-3rd grade: Multi-purpose Room
- Yedidim: 4th grade-6th grade: Youth Lounge
- Mixed Age Gaming: Yellow Room Downstairs*
  *Signs will be posted at this new location!

**Groups schedule:**
- 9:30-10:15: Free Play
- 10:20: Cleanup
- 10:25-10:45: Tefillah and Parsha
- 10:50-End of Shul: Kids Kiddush, Snack* & Games
  *children will sit 6 feet apart for snack

Please join us at this town hall meeting to hear an update from Ariel and two madrichim about our evolving Shabbat morning youth programming! We will meet at this zoom link - https://zoom.us/j/713951311 Passcode 613
Support Skokie Valley while shopping on Amazon! Sign up for AmazonSmile and select Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob Synagogue as your preferred charity at smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2477806. So far we have received over $1017 from Amazon as a result of your designating Skokie Valley as your AmazonSmile charity!

Remember to shop for deals at smile.amazon.com, or with AmazonSmile in the Amazon app, and AmazonSmile will donate to us at no cost to you.

Beyond Skokie Valley

Learn more about the Tikvah Scholars Program, an 11-day residential summer institute for current 10th and 11th graders, at Yale University, at their virtual Open House on Tuesday, December 21, at 7 PM CST. Hear from Rabbi Mark Gottlieb, Senior Director at the Tikvah Fund & Dean of the Tikvah Scholars Program, as well as faculty and alumni, who will share more details about this one-of-a-kind summer experience. Learn more and register at tikvahscholars.org

Libenu and No Shame on You Survey: We know that being a family caregiver is difficult and emotionally challenging. Our friends at Libenu and No Shame On U are partnering on a research study to better understand how to best support family caregivers of individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and/or those who struggle with mental health in the Chicago Jewish community. By participating, your perspective will help inform us and the broader community on ways to support the needs of caregivers like you.

Using this link Libenu - No Shame on U Caregiver Survey, please complete the ~10-minute survey by Dec. 20 to be entered in a drawing to win one of five $100 Amazon gift cards. Please note that all responses will be kept completely confidential and that only depersonalized, aggregated information will be shared with Libenu and No Shame on U.