

SKOKIE VALLEY

Welcomes you!



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Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, November 15

Shacharit: 7:15 am
Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Maariv: 4:20 pm
Candle lighting: 4:10 pm

Shabbat November 16

Shacharit: 9:00 am
Drasha: The Thread of Chessed
Mincha/Maariv: 4:05 pm
Havdallah: 5:11 pm

Sunday, November 17

Shacharit: 9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv: 4:20 pm

Daily Shacharit

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

Daily Maariv

Monday through Thursday: 8:00 pm

Mazel Tov!

Mazel Tov to:

Nancy Kahn on her 90th birthday this week!

Monica & Rich Magid and family on the engagement of their daughter, Beth, to Mattan Erder of Jerusalem.

Rabbi Joe & Ashira Ozarowski on a granddaughter, Raaya Hinda, born to Rabbi Raphi and Liora Ozarowski of Oak Park, MI.

Corinne & Willie Engelhart on a granddaughter, Chana Miriam (Hannah Meredith), born to Shira & Daniel Margol.

Todah Rabah

Seudah shlishit is sponsored this Shabbat by **Sam Fisher** on the yahrzeit of his mother Goldie Fisher.

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

Skokie Valley is deeply committed to the mitzvah of Hachnasat Orchim (Hospitality). Every Shabbat, members of our community open their homes, providing accommodations, Friday night meals, and Shabbat lunches for visitors. We have created a Hospitality Request form under "Contacts" on our website where people can submit requests for hospitality. **If you would like to host visitors, please contact Nina Black at hospitality@svaj.org and she will put you on her list of possible hosts.**

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

Monday, November 18 @ 7:00 pm - Shoshana Keats Jaskoll of Chochmat Nashim will be speaking at Skokie Valley as part of the US tour. Her topic is Slide to Extremism: How Can We Stop it?. Chochmat Nashim works towards a healthier Jewish society by raising awareness of damaging trends and policies and providing positive alternatives. "Because Judaism is better when women are heard"

Shabbat November 22-23: Yeshivat Maharat Intern Dr. Liz Shayne. Dr. Shayne has undergraduate degrees in English and Psychology from the University of Pennsylvania, and a master's degree and doctorate from UC Santa Barbara in English Literature, and is currently a 4th year student at Yeshivat Maharat. We look forward to learning with her in November, and again when she returns in February and April.

Shabbat December 6-7: Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Samantha Baskind

Dr. Baskind is a Professor of Art History and well-known author whose research focuses on Jewish American Art.

Friday, December 6th: Oneg Shabbat @ 8 pm: "The Warsaw Ghetto in American Art and Culture"

Shabbat morning drasha after Musaf: Understanding Art Speiglmán's *Maus*

Motzei Shabbat Program at 7:30 pm: Silent Auction of donated artwork and Judaica, catered reception.

8:00 pm: Presentation: "What is Jewish Art? Controversy and Confusion"

Details on Auction and Art Donation to come soon.

Sunday December 8 @ 7:30 pm: Jewish Ethics and Maternal Health: Myth and Facts. Join Rabbi Marianne Novak, Eve Kleinerman of Sharsheret, and Daphne Lazar-Price of JOFA for a conversation on reproductive choice, halakha, and Jewish values and the implications for women's health. Contact dani@jofa.org with any questions.

Tuesday, December 24: Annual Miriam Bromberg z"l Cookie Bake.

This Week's Classes at Skokie Valley - November 15-22

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

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

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

Thursday @ 10:00am: New Class! BYOK (Bring Your Own Kid) - 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 beginning with Hilchot Deot of the Rambam.



Higher education: It's what made it possible for our people to enter this country as poor immigrants and become successful and productive members of society. In recognition of the power of education, gratitude for the opportunities we have been afforded in America, and in fulfillment of our mission to positively impact the broader community, we are proud to be offering a scholarship for a first generation, immigrant college student this year. This year the award will go Ioney Clark, a graduate of ETHS who is planning on attending the

University of Illinois. Several members of the community and beyond have already stepped up to contribute. If you'd like to contribute, please send a check of any amount to the shul payable to Rabbi's Discretionary Fund with the word "Scholarship" in the notation line. The shul will make the award to Ioney after Shabbat services on November 30, so if you'd like to contribute, please do so before then.

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

Many thanks to our Education chairs - Marsha Arons and Elliot Raff for their work on last week's scholar in residence Shabbat Dinner and programming with Sarit Kattan Gribbetz.

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. Submissions may be anonymous.



It's SKIP enrollment time! SKIP stands for Send-a-Kid-to-Israel Partnership, a cooperative program with you, the Skokie Valley, and the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago. The program provides a way in which families can save toward an educational Israel experience for their children. Your choices include summer programs, semester-abroad programs, teen and college age programs and more.

Each **full-member family in good standing** who wants to participate contributes \$85 per child annually to an interest-bearing savings account, while Skokie Valley contributes \$85 and JUF contributes \$85. Enrollment begins as early as third grade and as late as sixth grade. Participation continues through the ninth grade. The funds collected (close to \$1800 after seven years of contributions and interest) make a considerable reduction in the expense of a trip to Israel.

If your child is already enrolled in SKIP, you have received a mailing with your child's annual SKIP statement, along with an invoice for this year's contribution. For those who want to enroll their children, there are enrollment packages in the rack outside the sanctuary, or you can call the office for one to be emailed to you. The deadline for SKIP materials to be received by the Skokie Valley office is November 20, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Weiss, or call or email the office.

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!

Get to Know....Bryan Gryka!

Family Info: My lovely wife Sarah, Adi (9), Yafa (6), Shai (3), and Trixie (plus the skunks who tear up our front

lawn)

Hometown: Little Rock, AR

Favorite Jewish Food: Anything with onion soup mix and duck sauce

Something that we don't know about you: I went to Catholic High School and got an "A" in Judaism class only because I am Jewish, because I made up most of the answers

How Long Have You Been at Skokie Valley: 2 years

The Last Book Read or Movie You've Seen: The MVP Machine

Latkes or Hamentaschen: Pizza

Profession: Professional babysitter (also a Chef)

Favorite Guilty Pleasure: Pizza and whisky

Favorite City in Israel: Jerusalem. Boring answer, I know

What foreign country would you like to visit that you haven't been to yet? Italy



*****Youth News*****

Tot Shabbat! Tot Shabbat is for children between the ages of 0-4 and each child must be accompanied by an adult. For children already in groups, please pick up your child and head upstairs. **We will be meeting this Shabbat in Berger Beit Midrash from 10:30-11:15 am for songs, tefillah, and fun!**

We need parents to help lead Tot Shabbat! [Click here to sign up!](#)

Children are an integral part of our community. To ensure their safety, which is always our top priority, they must be supervised at all times while at Skokie Valley -- either in our Madrichim-led groups or with a parent/guardian. Joint Youth groups with Kol Sasson are available for children ages 2-10 beginning at 9:30 on Shabbat morning. At times when groups are not available, or if children have decided to not be in groups, parents are responsible for supervising their children. For questions, contact Youth Director Sara Price children@svaj.org

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

December 23-30: School's Out programs run by JCC Chicago -- held at Skokie Valley during weekdays that school is not in session. Go to <https://www.jccchicago.org/programs/schools-out/> for more information. **Skokie Valley members get a special discounted rate -- you must call to register to receive the special rate.**

Motzei Shabbat, November 16 @ 8 pm. Please come and meet Rabbanit Dr. Esther Fisher, at the home of Allen and Edie Chernoff, 8951 Lincolnwood Drive. Learn Torah and hear about Midreshet Ein HaNatziv's post high school program for girls. Questions: contact ejchernoff@msn.com

Saturday Night, Nov. 16: Special Melaveh Malka Motzei Shabbat, at the home of Shari and Azi Feifel (2947 W. Jarlath) featuring a fascinating dyslexia simulation presentation given by Dr. Rinat Green, a child psychologist and Executive Director and Founder of Kol Koreh, a non-profit Israeli organization that helps students with dyslexia and other language-based learning disabilities. Kol Koreh's vision is to provide state of the art educational solutions for students with learning disabilities, both in Israel and abroad. For more information and to rsvp, email dririnategreen@kolkoreh.org or visit Kol Koreh's website at www.kolkoreh.org

Sunday, November 17 @7:30 pm: Mizrahi RZC program honoring Chicago's Chaylim Bodedim - IDF Lone Soldiers and their families. They will be dedicating a Pima Chama - Warm Corner-where IDF soldiers can always stop by for a well-deserved break. Dessert reception 7:30 -9:00 pm, brief program at 8:15 pm. Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation, 7117 N. Crawford. To RSVP (no charge) and find out more information visit pc.rzc.us

Sunday November 17, 7-9 pm: Chicago Family Acupuncture presents a Women's Wellness Event at Heartwood Center, 1818 Dempster, Evanston. Mindfulness, Yoga, Acupuncture: Gain the tools you need to lead a more centered, stress-free life. Featuring Dr. Zahava Berkowicz (Skokie Valley member), Dr. Lena Kushnir, Revital Frydman, and Dr. Marni Rosen. Proceeds benefit Sharsheret, supporting Jewish women and families living with or at increased risk for breast and ovarian cancer. Light dinner served. If you have one, bring your yoga mat. Register at: <https://www.chicagofamilyacu.com/events>

Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 16 & 17, 7 pm: Chicago Women Charity Players is back with *Les Miserables*, a CWCP adaptation benefiting the Sharlene Levinson Bikur Cholim, Chicago. See our talented Skokie Valley members Corinne Engelhart and Malka Simkovich perform! Performances will be at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd. General admission tickets available for purchase now at Magenta Boutique, 3764 Devon, Lincolnwood. Sponsorships & advertising opportunities available. Contact cwcpctickets@gmail.com or call 773-465-6576. **Women & girls only.**