Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, October 22
7:15 am: Shacharit  
5:49 pm: Mincha Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv  
Candle lighting: 5:39 pm

Shabbat, October 23
9:00 am: Shacharit  
5:35 pm: Mincha/Maariv  
4:50 pm: 1956 Sinai Campaign Historical Retrospective Part II with David Rubin and Doug Klein in the Social Hall.  
6:40 pm: Havdalah

Sunday October 24
9:00 am: Shacharit  
5:45 pm: Mincha/Maariv

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

Daily Mincha/Maariv  
Sunday through Thursday: 5:45 pm

Weekday Tefillot on Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/7139513111 passcode 613

Mazal Tov!  
Mazal Tov to:  
Esther Buchbinder and Jeffrey Schvimer on the birth of a grandson to their children Alieza and David Hoffman.

Baruch Dayan HaEmet  
Our deep condolences to:  
Sheri and David Wishnia on the passing of Sheri’s father, Arthur Friedman.  
Shiva this Sunday 10/24 in the Skokie Valley tent from noon to 4 pm. Masks are required.

Yahrzeits  
18 Cheshvan/Oct 24 Kenneth Bisno z”l (Belle Holman)  
20 Cheshvan/Oct 26 William Rubenstein z”l (Dave Rubenstein)  
21 Cheshvan/Oct 27 Josephine Benditzson z”l (Nathan Benditzson)  
22 Cheshvan/Oct 28 Mandel Medow z”l (Grace Weinstein)  
22 Cheshvan/Oct 28 Sidney Meyer z”l (Josephine Meyer)

Thank you to our sponsors:  
Kiddush this Shabbat is sponsored by Asher Karoll and Doug Klein to thank the shul for honoring us with Chatan Torah and Chatan Breishit on Simchat Torah

Indoor tefillot and synagogue activities at Skokie Valley now requires masking for all participants--vaccinated and unvaccinated. Contact the office for more information.
This Week at Skokie Valley

Shabbat groups: 9:30 am - 11:30 am: Groups this Shabbat for ages 4-12 will be in two supervised outdoor locations:
- Kiddush Tent will be available for toys and board games
- Skokie Valley Lot and Playground will be available for sports and active play. Please have your child dress warmly for outdoor play.

We will have a youth kiddush from 11:15-11:30 on the north side of the building right outside the kiddush tent. Please pick your child from that area by 11:30.

Masking is recommended but not required for unvaccinated children while they are participating in outdoor activities that allow for social distancing. When they are sitting closely together, masks will be required. Please send your child with a mask to groups.

Your help is needed! We are creating a pool of volunteers to support our growing youth activities. Varying time commitments and types of jobs are available. Click here to sign up!

Shabbat, 10:30 am: Tot Shabbat for parents and kids 0-5 will meet (weather permitting) in the backyard of Esther Buchbinder and Jeffrey Schvimer at 8905 East Prairie Rd. Bring a mask for everyone over 2 and join us!

Shabbat, 4:50 pm: 1956 Sinai Campaign Historical Retrospective Part 2 with David Rubin and Doug Klein in the Social Hall.

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

Sunday, 10/24 @ 7:30 pm: Modern Art with a Jewish Soul: Artists Who Shaped --and Were Shaped--by the Modern World. A virtual museum tour with Art Historian Tamar Avishai, Creator & Host of The Lonely Palette Podcast, which aims to make art history more accessible and “unsnooty,” one object at a time. She is also the podcaster-in-residence at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

What do we mean when we talk about modernity in the context of modern art? It’s useful to consider modern Judaism. Art and Judaism were reshaped in the twentieth century, in ways both tragic and exhilarating, each driven by a world that was itself shaped by politics, technology, and historical interpretation. This talk will explore artists who capture the spirit of a changing world as it’s changing, and examine how they each reflect a deeply Jewish, deeply probing, and deeply present postwar sensibility.

Sponsored by Rachael Gray-Raff and Elliot Raff in honor of the 3rd yahrzeit of Elliot’s mother, Rae Klein Raff.

Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86891804468?pwd=dWRhVTRIajhUVFNjL2dPOUNqOWY1UT09
Passcode 613

Tuesdays @ 2:00 pm: The Book of Genesis with Rav Ari in the Skokie Valley tent, weather permitting.

Wednesday 10/27 @ 8:00 pm  R. Moshe Tendler z”l and the halachic definition of death. A shiur commemorating the shloshim of Rabbi Tendler presented by Dr. Noam Stadlan. In person and on zoom. https://zoom.us/j/713951311  passcode 613
Solu News

This past Sunday, Solu and Bright Star Community Outreach launched the opening of a new Family Literacy Center in Bronzeville. This literacy center could not have happened without the incredible turnout from Solu volunteers. Over the past few months, you donated hundreds of books, spent hours assembling furniture and driving it to Bronzeville, and transformed the physical space by painting and organizing it. Your impact has already begun to be felt by so many in the Bright Star community -- thank you so much!

Watch Rav Ari’s and Pastor Chris Harris’s remarks at the dedication ceremony: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5pNDBL45e9s

And check out Solu, Bright Star, and the Israeli ambassador to the UN in the Times of Israel: "After touring the community center, Erdan continued to Harris's church about a mile away, where a new literary center on the top floor was being prepped for its Sunday unveiling. The reading room, packed with hundreds of books, computers and a basketball arcade game, was put together from scratch by Bright Star and Solu, an initiative of Chicago's Orthodox Jews seeking to build bridges with diverse communities in the city."

Summary of the Project:

The Need: COVID-19 dramatically changed the landscape of children’s learning across America. Tragically, those who were already most vulnerable are suffering the worst impact. Students in urban, under-served areas are already showing negative learning outcomes as a result of the pandemic’s disruption. In addition, with schools, libraries and more closed, there was no place for children in urban settings to go and receive help they need to not fall further behind.

How We Responded: In partnership with Bright Star Community Outreach and Books4Cause, we launched a Family Literacy Center in Bronzeville where families can receive the literacy support they need to thrive during this time and beyond. The FLC will support families whose learning has been compromised by the pandemic with free books, literacy resources, homework help, tutoring, and more.

The center is housed on the South Side of Chicago, in the Bright Star Community Outreach’s Bronzeville center, and will serve the hundreds of families that already use Bright Star Community Outreach’s services. It will be a warm, welcoming and COVID-safe space that families can book while schools and libraries are still closed and then will continue as a center for literacy support once the pandemic is over. The FLC will also serve as an access point for families to learn about and access other services offered by BSCO and the greater community.

The new space will also serve as a Digital Literacy Center. Comcast has committed to establishing a "Lift Zone" onsite at Bright Star. Lift Zones are WiFi-enabled safe spaces where students can come to access high-speed Internet service to do schoolwork and adults can come to develop their digital skills, access important services, and search for jobs.
A special thank you to Yosef Lifschitz at Books4Cause, who supplemented our donations with over a thousand books from the Books4Cause warehouse.

Save the Date:
Sunday 10/31 @ 8 pm: Sydney Taylor of All-of-a-Kind Family: So What Did She Do For the Jews?
When this book was published in 1951, it was groundbreaking as the first book for children published by a mainstream American press to feature ordinary, observant Jewish children living ordinary lives. All-of-a-Kind Family and its sequels became classics, introducing young readers to a family based on that of Taylor, born Sarah Brenner, in New York in 1904.

This talk will look at Sydney Taylor’s Jewish background, the negotiations she had with editors about her portrayal of Jewish life, and the impact of her books on Jewish publishing and on the possibilities of being Jewish in America. Presented by Alix Dunietz, who co-authored the book From Sarah to Sydney -- The Woman Behind All-of-a-Kind Family with June Cummins z"l, who was a professor emita of English and Comparative Literature at San Diego State University, where she made important contributions to the National Center for the Study of Children’s Literature.
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Beyond Skokie Valley

Sydney Taylor of All-of-a-Kind Family: So What Did She Do For The Jews?

Sunday October 31, 2021 at 8 pm
Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob
Presented by Alix Dunietz

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Alix Dunietz, a historian of the medieval Middle East, co-authored the book From Sarah to Sydney - The Woman Behind All-of-a-Kind Family with June Cummins z”l, who was a professor emerita of English and Comparative Literature at San Diego State University, where she made important contributions to its National Center for the Study of Children's Literature. Together, proud and accomplished members of our Skokie community.

Hillel Torah PTA Spice House Fundraiser

Spice up your own kitchen or take care of Holiday giving with delicious spice sets from local favorite, The Spice House! Order by November 7, and spices will be available for pickup at Hillel Torah in time for Thanksgiving and Chanukah. All products are Kosher certified by the Kosher Supervisors of Wisconsin.

Two Jar Gift Sets - $18 per set
Fall Flavors - Poultry Stuffing Seasoning & Pumpkin Spice
Winter Drinks - Chai Spices & Hot Cocoa Mix
BBQ Night - Kansas City Barbecue Rub & Brisket of Love Barbecue Rub
Party Dips - Homestyle Ranch Salad Dressing and Dip Mix & Garden Dill Dip Mix

Four Jar Gift Sets - $36 per set
Chocolate Lovers - Hot Cocoa Mix, Salted Caramel Hot Cocoa, Cocoa Masala & Hazelnut Hot Cocoa

Sweet Home Chicago - Milwaukee Ave Smokehouse Rub, Greektown Mediterranean Seasoning, Argyle Street Stir Fry Blend & Back of the Yards Garlic Pepper Butcher's Rub
International Blends - Jamaican Jerk, Sweet Curry, Peri Peri Mozambique Blend & Oaxacan Ancho Coffee Salt Free Rub

Questions? PTApresidents@hilleltorah.org

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Tuesday, November 2 @7 pm: Path to Parenthood, a program created by JUF to support individuals and couples struggling to build a family. The program offers educational programs, support groups and financial grants for fertility treatments and adoption expenses. The next educational webinar will focus on fertility preservation: egg freezing, an important topic for many in our community. For more information and to register, contact Molly Fine at MollyFine@juf.org or 312-357-4647.