

SKOKIE VALLEY

Welcomes you!



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Parshat Vayeshev 23 Kislev 5780

Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, December 20

Shacharit: 7:15 am

Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Maariv: 4:12 pm

Candle lighting: 4:02 pm

Shabbat December 21

Shacharit: 9:00 am

Guest Drasha by Dr. Ben Katz:

A Chanukah Devar Torah for Grownups

Mincha/Maariv: 4:00 pm

Havdallah: 5:05 pm

Sunday, December 22

Shacharit: 9:00 am

Mincha/Maariv: 4:10

First Night of Chanukah

Daily Shacharit

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 12/27: 7:00 am

Wednesday, 12/25: 9:00 am

Daily Maariv

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8:00 pm

Wednesday, 12/25: 4:10 pm



Mazal Tov!

Mazal tov to **Becky & Jonathan Margulies** and big brothers **Jack & Ethan** on the birth of a baby boy!

Mazal tov to **Toby & Sherwin Pogrund** and **Cindy & David Pogrund** on the birth of a great-grandson and grandson to their children Emily & Chaim Safier.

Todah Rabah

Kiddush this week is sponsored by **Felice Fischer** in honor of Ben Katz's birthday - the biggest Beatles fan "when he's 64!"

Skokie Women's Tefillah Group and **Skokie Valley Kiddush fund** also contributed to kiddush this week.

Seudah shlishit is sponsored this week by **Georges and Sol Elgrably** on the yahrzeit of Sol's father, Amram Cohen; by **Rabbi Joshua Feigelson** on the first yahrzeit of his father' and by **Lydia & Asher Karoll** on the yahrzeit of Lydia's father, Dr. Abraham Perlman.

Welcome to **Skokie Women's Tefillah Group** who are davening at Skokie Valley this shabbat and joining us for kiddush.

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

Get ready for the new and improved svaj.org website coming to your computers and smart phones!

Tuesday, December 24 @ 4:30 pm: LIGHT THE NIGHT THROUGH SERVICE--the Annual Miriam Bromberg z"l Cookie Bake and Chesed Evening. Cookie decorating, crafts for kids, packing bracha bags for the homeless and joy bags for kids in the ER, winter coat/gear collection for recent refugees, pizza and snacks and optional cookie delivery to first responders! Thank you to all who already so generously donated! Here are 2 more ways to get involved:

1. Make a donation towards the needed supplies here: <https://www.svaj.org/bracha-bags>
2. Bring coats (in good condition only) to the shul and place them in the Rohingya Coat Drive bin located outside Israel Hall.

Volunteers needed!! Contact Meira Goldman meirakatzoff@gmail.com to help!

Shabbat/Chanukah, December 28: Join us for a special Chanukah Kiddush. Please go to www.svaj.org/kiddush-sponsor or contact the office to participate. Lifecycle events are all good reasons to sponsor - \$36 and up.

Sunday, December 29 @ 8 pm: Chanukah Party for Grownups! Enjoy a few drinks with friends and chill with the Skokie Valley House Band. To help sponsor go to www.svaj.org/chanukah-party-2019

Sunday, January 19, 2020 @ 10:00 am: Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob Annual Meeting. At that time, in addition to the presentation of committee reports, elections of the new slate will occur (go to <https://www.svaj.org/slate-of-officers-2019-2020> for the list). Voting is open to every person who is, at the time of the election, a full member in good standing. A quorum is required and we urge you to attend. We will be providing online voting information in the coming weeks.

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 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.

Interested in becoming a kitchen manager? Please contact Rav Ari ravari@svaj.org so we can set up a new round of training for all interested in having access to the kitchen and helping out our community!

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

Tot Shabbat! We'll meet this week on the Social Hall stage from 10:30-11:15 am 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 must be in groups or in shul with you. If children are found wandering the building, they will be brought directly to you. We are asking for your partnership to help keep our children safe and the shul environment peaceful. Thank you! For questions, contact Youth Director Sara Price 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!

Get to Know....Sara & Peter Price!!

Family Info: We have three children. Michael Julio (20), Rebeca (17), and Merav (14).

Sara: Hometown: San Antonio, Texas

Favorite Jewish Food: My abuela's cheese burekas

Something that we don't know about you: I am a two-time individual national champion in fencing (women's saber)

How Long Have You Been at Skokie Valley: 2 years

The Last Movie You've Seen: *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*

Latkes or Hamentaschen: Hamentaschen

Favorite City in Israel: Haifa

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

Peter: Hometown: Saint Paul, Minnesota

Favorite Jewish Food: Sabich

Something that we don't know about you: I once biked from Minneapolis to Chicago

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The Last Book Read: *Wayfinding: The Science and Mystery of How Humans Navigate*, by M. R. O'Connor

Latkes or Hamentaschen: Latkes

Profession: Tax Controversy Lawyer

Favorite City in Israel: Jerusalem



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

Saturday night, December 21 at 7:30 pm: Last chance to RSVP for the Event of the Year! The Q2, Midwest NCSY's ultimate trivia experience, is just 1 week away, on Saturday night, Dec. 21, at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center. The event will honor **Noah & Suzanne Mishkin** and Yossi & Shuli Tsadok and will feature guest host Meir Kay. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. with a Dinner Reception, and the Game begins at 8:15. RSVP now at midwest.ncsy.org/theq

December 23-30: School's Out programs run by JCC Chicago at Skokie Valley during weekdays when school is not in session. School's Out provides an enriching environment for children in grades K-5 when school is closed. Professional staff balances specialized activities with opportunities for independent play. For more information go to: jccchicago.org/programs/schools-out/
Skokie Valley members are eligible for a special discounted rate -- you must call 844.452.2244 to register to receive the special rate.



**PLEASE JOIN
US FOR A SPECIAL
CHANUKAH KIDDUSH**

**SHABBAT, December 28, 2019
FOLLOWING DAVENING**

To sponsor the Kiddush, visit our website,
www.svaj.org/kiddush-sponsor

Food served will reflect the money donated

Questions?
Please contact Carin in the shul office at:
office@svaj.org or (847) 674-3473



**CHANUKAH
PARTY**

Enjoy a few drinks with friends and
chill with the Skokie Valley House Band.

**Sunday, December 29, 2019
at 8:00 pm
Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob
Israel Hall (Downstairs)
FREE - ADULTS ONLY**