

SKOKIE VALLEY

Welcomes you!



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Shabbat Shalom!
Welcome Scholar in Residence
Dr. Samantha Baskind

Friday, December 6

Shacharit: 7:15 am

Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Maariv: 4:09 pm

Candle lighting: 3:59 pm

Oneg Shabbat: 8:00 pm in Social Hall

**Dr. Baskind will speak about "The Warsaw Ghetto
in American Art and Culture"**

Shabbat December 7

Shacharit: 9:00 am

Dr. Baskind will speak after Musaf:

**"Understanding
Art Spiegelman's Maus"**

Mincha/Maariv: 3:55 pm

Havdallah: 5:02 pm

Motzei Shabbat Program: 7:30 pm

**Reception and Silent Auction of
artworks and Judaica.**

**8:00 pm: Dr. Baskind: "What is Jewish Art?
Controversy and Confusion"**

Sunday, December 8

Shacharit: 9:00 am

Mincha/Maariv: 4:10 pm

Daily Shacharit

Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 7:15 am

Daily Maariv

Monday through Thursday: 8:00 pm

If you have a copy of the book *Maus* by Art Spiegelman, bring it to services on Shabbat morning to enhance your understanding of this week's lecture by Dr. Samantha Baskind. Handouts that illustrate the lecture will also be available

Todah Rabah

Kiddush this week is sponsored by **Peter Price** in honor of **Sara Price's** birthday.

Seudah shlishit is sponsored this Shabbat by **Georges & Sol Elgrably** on the yahrzeit of Georges' brother, Jacques Elgrably z'l; by **Michael and Batya Gilbert-Koplow** on the yahrzeit of Mike's father, Martin Koplow z'l; and by **Rachel & Michael Stein** on the yahrzeit of Rachel's mother, Alice Kaplan Simes z'l.

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!

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

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.

Shabbat morning drasha, December 14 after Musaf: Dr. Naomi Marmon Grumet. Dr. Grumet is a celebrated Jewish educator as well as the creator of The Eden Center, which works to improve the experience of mikveh, and to promote women's physical, spiritual, sexual and emotional health while enhancing the lives of Jewish women and families. In addition to their work to make mikveh welcoming and accessible for every woman, they provide support and resources for lifecycle and crisis moments, as well as engaging both men and women through community programming, professional training, mikveh education and health advocacy. Dr. Grumet also runs programming with Yesh Atid and Sharsheret, organizations close to the Skokie Valley community.

Tuesday, December 24 @ 4:30 pm: Save the date for 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! Please mark your calendars and here are 3 ways to get involved now:

1. Go to Amazon using the following link to purchase some of the items we need for bracha bags for the homeless and emergency room kits for children:
<https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/ELU8XSKZRT60?&sort=default>
2. You can also make a donation towards the needed supplies here:<https://www.svaj.org/bracha-bags>
3. 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 meira.katzoff@gmail.com to help!

Shabbat/Chanukah, December 28 - Sponsors needed for the special Chanukah Kiddush. Please go to www.svaj.org/kiddush-sponsor

Sunday, December 29 @ 8 pm: Chanukah Gathering. Holiday themed music, food and beverages will be offered intermixed with Divrei Torah and other Chanukah activities for adults.

Sunday, January 19, 2020. Annual Meeting

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.

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

Tot Shabbat! Meets in Berger Beit Midrash 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 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....Meira & Josh Goldman!!

Josh:

Family Info: 3 beautiful children - Liel (7), Gideon (5), and Sidney (3 months) - and my beautiful, amazing wife, Meira!

Hometown: Baltimore, MD

Favorite Jewish Food: Sufganiyot - does that count?

Something that we don't know about you: I spent one summer in high school working/interning for NASA

How Long Have You Been at Skokie Valley: 5 years

The Last Book Read or Movie You've Seen: *Creed II*

Latkes or Hamentaschen: Hamentaschen

Profession: CPA

Favorite Guilty Pleasure: Watching TV

Favorite City in Israel: Jerusalem

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



Meira:

Hometown: Milwaukee, WI

Favorite Jewish Food: matzah balls

Something that we don't know about you: I spent a year with Americorps building houses in Baltimore City with Habitat for Humanity.

How Long Have You Been at Skokie Valley: 5 years

The Last Book Read or Movie You've Seen: *Wreck it Ralph.*

Latkes or Hamentaschen: latkes

Profession: social worker and dance instructor

Favorite Guilty Pleasure: spoonful of peanut butter dipped in chocolate chips.

Favorite City in Israel: Tzfat

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

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

Many thanks to the Board Development/Nominating Committee: David Rubin, Avery Hart, Ron Weiner, Florence Bulmash, Rachael Gray-Raff, Ari Berkowicz, Amanda Goldstein, Debby Koster, Shelly Auslander, Leah Neiman, Tzvi Feifel, Nelson Kanter for their help and participation in the board slating process.

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.

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.**

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

Sunday December 8, 1-2 pm @ Skokie Valley: Keshet Lauren Rosenblatt Memorial Concert. Bring the whole family to sing and tap along to Hanukkah, Jewish and pop music with Todd Kessler. Sensory friendly event. Tickets are \$18/family. Sponsorships welcome. Please make reservations in advance; seating is limited. <https://keshet.org/events/concertforlauren/>

Tuesday, December 10 @ 6:30 pm at Skokie Valley: Pre-Chanukah Fun Auction benefiting Chicago Chesed Fund, sponsored by Shlomo & Miriam Latinik. For more information, text or call Tzippy Blisko at 718-594-5202. Flyers are in the rack outside the sanctuary.

Saturday, December 14 @ 7:00 pm: Melave Malka Evening Program. Do American Jews and Israel Really Need Each Other? And Why? Featuring Dr. Daniel Gordis Senior Vice President and Koret Distinguished Fellow, Shalem Center. Ida Crown Jewish Academy 8233 Central Park Ave • Skokie. Program and Dessert at 7:00 pm. This program is free and open to the community but advance registration is required. To register please, [please visit www.aipac.org/OTMelaveMalka](http://www.aipac.org/OTMelaveMalka). For questions or to RSVP please contact Ariel Schwartzbach at aschwartzbach@aipac.org or 312.253.8975.

Sunday, December 15 @ 10:00 am: Hillel Torah's Alana Beth Stein Early Childhood Program invites prospective and current families to **Sunday Funday** at Skokie Valley. For more information, visit www.hilleltorah.org or contact Margot Parnass, Director of Admissions, 847-674-6533 ext 209 or margot.parnass@hilleltorah.org

Sunday, December 15 @ 10:00 am: Seven Things That Will Surprise You About How People Observe Niddah with guest speaker Dr. Naomi Marmon Grumet. At Anshe Emet Synagogue. Open to the community. For more information, contact Sara Wolkenfeld at sarawolkenfeld@gmail.com

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, Malka Simkovich** and **Sarah Eisenstein** perform! Performances are 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 cwcptickets@gmail.com or call 773-465-6576. **Women & girls only.**

Saturday night, December 21 at 7:30 pm. NCSY presents The Q2--The Ultimate Live Trivia Experience Returns, honoring our own **Noah and Suzanne Mishkin** at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center. For more information: 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. Go to <https://www.jccchicago.org/programs/schools-out/> for more information. **Skokie Valley members are eligible for a special discounted rate -- you must call 844.452.2244 to register to receive the special rate.**