

SKOKIE VALLEY

Welcomes you!



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Parshat Vayigash

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Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, January 3

Shacharit: 7:15 am

Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Maariv: 4:22 pm

Candle lighting: 4:12 pm

Shabbat January 4

Shacharit: 9:00 am

Guest Drasha by Michael Stein:

Fight, Persuade or Plead?

Mincha/Maariv: 4:10 pm

Havdallah: 5:15 pm

Sunday, January 5

Shacharit: 9:00 am

Mincha/Maariv: 4:25 pm

Tuesday, January 7

Fast of Tevet

Start of fast: 6:07 am

Shacharit: 7:00 am

Mincha/Maariv: 4:10 pm

End of fast: 5:13 pm

Daily Shacharit

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00 am

Wednesday & Friday: 7:15 am

Daily Maariv

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8:00 pm

Mazal Tov!

Mazal tov to **Hannah & Phil Katz** on the birth of a baby boy on January 1!

Mazal tov to **Barbara & Jay Robinson** on the birth of their granddaughter to Tzvi (Michael) & Davita on December 30.

Todah Rabah

Seudah shlishit is sponsored this week by **Sol & Georges Elgrably** on the yahrzeit of Sol's mother, Esther Cohen; **Rich & Monica Magid** on the yahrzeit of Monica's mother, Eva Hofman and the engagement of their daughter, Beth to Mattan Erder; and by **David & Aviva Rubin and Joel & Tammy Rubin** on the 30th yahrzeit of David and Joel's mother, Frances Merrick Rubin.

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

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

Thursday, January 16 @ 8:15 pm: Kitchen manager training. Interested in being a kitchen manager? Join us for the practical part of this training with Tammi Finestone and Rav Ari.

If you are already a kitchen manager, we need you to join the Skokie Valley Kiddush and Simcha Team! Contact Tammi Finestone finestone@me.com for details!

Shabbat, January 18, 2020: Please join us for "Name Tag Shabbat" -- Parshat Shemot. "Where everybody knows your name."

Sunday, January 19, 2020 @ 10:00 am: Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob Annual Meeting. Please attend! We will have committee reports and elections of the new slate. (See <https://www.svaj.org/slate-of-officers-2019-2020> for the list.) Voting is open to all **full members 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. Berger Beit Midrash

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

Thursday @ 10:00 am: BYOK (Bring Your Own Kid) with Rav Ari. 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 studying Hilchot Deot of the Rambam.

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

Tot Shabbat! We'll meet this week in Berger Beit Midrash from 10:30-11:15 am. Tot Shabbat is 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.

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

Many thanks to Snir Spinner and his committee, Zev Goldberg, Tzvi Fiefel, Noah Mishkin, Eli Taylor, and Amanda Goldstein for their hard work organizing the first annual adult Chanukah party! Everyone enjoyed chilling to the renowned Skokie Valley House band in an evening of camaraderie and refreshments. Thanks also to the evening's generous sponsors: Don Karger, Elizabeth Hart, Josh & Elisheva Shanes and Ron Weiner.

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.



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....Evan & Amanda Goldstein!!

Family Info: 3 kids: Ages 8, 6, and 2

Hometown: Evan: San Francisco, Amanda: Huntington, PA

Something that we don't know about you: We are both left handed.

How Long Have You Been at Skokie Valley: About 2 years

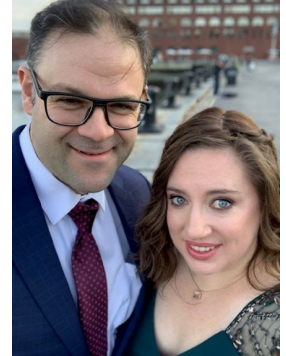
The Last Book Read or Movie You've Seen: Evan: *How Not to Die* by Dr. Michael Gregor, Amanda: *The Alzheimer's Solution* by Dean and Ayesha Sherzai...we are a lovely bunch ;)

Latkes or Hamentaschen: Latkes x 2

Favorite Guilty Pleasure: Evan: bad Sci-Fi tv shows, Amanda: reality tv

Favorite City in Israel: Evan: Tsfat, Amanda: I feel like I should say Jerusalem, but I think Tsfat and Haifa tie

What foreign country would you like to visit that you haven't been to yet? Evan: Iceland, Amanda: I would go almost anywhere, but Australia is at the top of my list these days



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

Saturday, January 11 @ 7:30 pm: Sangamon Songs, a Musical Play by Tom Irwin & John W. Arden.

Skokie Theater, 7924 Lincoln Ave, Skokie. Presented by the Skokie Caucus Party. Come show support for the Skokie Village elected officials to ensure that our community remains a voice in the Village. Tickets are \$35 a person. Contact Trustee Michele Bromberg at michelebromberg@yahoo.com for more information.

Saturday, January 18 @ 7:30 pm-9:30 pm: Heal(thy) Pain: A Workshop for Couples led by Shelley

Kleinman of Erasore. Learn to harness your own healing power while elevating the connection with your partner. \$15 per person, \$20 per couple, paid at the door. RSVP to 847-674-3473 or come at the last minute. All proceeds donated to Skokie Valley.

Saturday night, January 25, 2020 at 7:30pm: Calling all foodies! "Noshed," a battle of the chefs based on the popular TV show "Chopped" will be at Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah in Wilmette. Three of Chicago's top kosher chefs will compete live to cook a creative dish out of a mystery basket of eclectic ingredients. Come out and sample delicious hors d'oeuvres (both meat and vegetarian), desserts, and drinks from popular kosher establishments and see which chef is crowned the winner by our panel of expert judges. Skokie Valley's own **Ricky Bielak** Owner/Chef, Tacos Gingi and **Bryan Gryka**, Executive Chef/General Manager, Milt's BBQ for the Perplexed will be among the contestants. Visit <https://www.bhbe.org/form/noshed2020.html> for tickets. Each ticket includes kosher hors d'oeuvres, two drink tickets, dessert, free parking, plus access to a food-themed silent auction and kosher wine pull.