Parshat Vayigash
7 Tevet | December 11, 2021

Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, December 10
7:00 am: Shacharit
3:59 pm: Candle lighting
4:09 pm: Mincha Kabbalat
Shabbat/Maariv

Shabbat, December 11
Bar Mitzvah of Yoni Anderson
9:00 am: Shacharit
3:55 pm: Mincha/Maariv

Shiur between Mincha and Maariv:
Exploring the Halachik thought of Rav Moshe Feinstein z”l through highlights from the Igrot Moshe.
5:02 pm: Havdalah
5:45 pm: Motzei Shabbat Family Learning. See flyer below for details.

Sunday, December 12
9:00 am: Shacharit
4:10 pm: Mincha/Maariv

Tuesday, December 14
Fast of Tevet
5:59 am Start of Fast
7:00 am: Shacharit
3:50pm Mincha/Maariv
4:57pm End of Fast

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

Daily Mincha/Maariv:
Sunday, Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 4:10 pm

Weekday Tefillot on Zoom:
https://zoom.us/j/713951311
passcode 613

Mazal Tov

To Yoni Anderson and his parents, Robin & Michael Anderson, and family on his becoming a Bar Mitzvah this Shabbat!

Todah Rabah

Kiddush is provided by the Anderson family in honor of Yoni’s Bar Mitzvah. Please enjoy a kiddush box to go.

Seudah Shlishit sponsors:
Sol & Georges Elgrably on the yahrzeit of Sol’s mother, Esther Cohen Bat Messod

Yahrzeits

6 Tevet /Dec 10 Guilson Abadi z”l (Sara Abadi)
6 Tevet /Dec 10 Frances Rubin z”l (David Rubin, Joel Rubin)
7 Tevet /Dec 11 Eva Hofman z”l (Monica Magid)
7 Tevet/Dec 11 Howard Rosenthal z”l (Beverly Rosenthal)
8 Tevet/Dec 12 Harriet Waterman z”l (Nancy Kahn)
10 Tevet/Dec 14 Harry David Klein z”l (Aaron Klein)

Annual meeting for Skokie Valley members on Sunday January 16, 2022, in person in the Social Hall and on Zoom. We will show our appreciation for our outgoing officers and Board members and then meet and vote for the new slate of officers. A special thank you goes to David Rubin and the Board Development Committee for their efforts in putting together our new slate.

The program will begin at 10:00 am and we aim to finish by 10:45 am. We will send out information on how to vote on the slate online if you cannot attend in person. All full members in good standing of Skokie Valley are eligible to vote. The slate of officers was sent by email. If you want a copy of the slate, please contact the office: office@svaj.org or 847-674-3473.
This Week

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

**Monday**
7:00 pm: Join Skokie Valley and JCFS for "Caring Conversations --- Learn the Skills To Help" on Zoom. Details and Zoom link in the flyer below.

**Tuesday**
2:00 pm: The Book of Genesis with Rav Ari. In the Social Hall and on Zoom: [https://zoom.us/j/713951311](https://zoom.us/j/713951311) passcode 613

8:00 pm: Authenticity and Community: Forging Paths in Orthodox Judaism. See flyer below for details and zoom link

Next Shabbat:
**Scholar in Residence**
Michal Bar-Asher Siegel
See flyer below for details

Youth Programming

**Tot Shabbat: 10:30 am**
This week our wonderful Tot Shabbat program for parents and kids 0-5 will meet in the Berger Beit Midrash at 10:30am. Masks are required for children 2 and older and encouraged for those under 2 who are able. No registration is necessary. We are creating a rotation of Tot Shabbat Leaders! [Please sign up here to help.](#)

**Shabbat groups: 9:30 am to end of shul**
Masks are required for all children attending groups.
To ensure the safety of the children, please make sure they are supervised by an adult or in youth programming.

**Groups for children ages 4-12 will be held in the following locations:**
- Chaverim: Pre-K-1st grade: Early Drop Off/Late Care Room
- Rayim: 2nd grade-3rd grade: Multi-purpose Room
- Yedidim: 4th grade- 6th grade: Youth Lounge
- Mixed Age Gaming: Yellow Room Downstairs*

*Signs will be posted at this new location!

**Groups schedule:**
9:30-10:15: Free Play
10:20: Cleanup
10:25-10:45: Tefillah and Parsha
10:50-End of Shul: Kids' Kiddush, Snack* & Games
Children will be brought to their parents in shul before Adon Olam
* children will sit 6 feet apart for snack

**MOTZEI SHABAT**
5:45pm Musical Havdala with Rav Ari
6:00pm Parent Child Learning with Mrs. Olivia Friedman (Ages 7-12)
6:00 pm Story & Activities for kids ages 3-7
Please join us at this town hall meeting to hear an update from Ariel and two madrichim about our evolving Shabbat morning youth programming! We will meet at this zoom link - [https://zoom.us/j/713951311](https://zoom.us/j/713951311) Passcode 613

How can we create a safe and fun environment for kids at Shabbat morning groups? How can we help kids if they are having a hard time? What are ways to help engage the children in Tefilah? Join us at this madrichim meeting to talk about these questions and more! (You don’t need to attend this meeting if you came to the one in November)
Join Skokie Valley and JCFS for "Caring Conversations – Learn the Skills To Help" on Monday, December 13 at 7:00 pm on Zoom.
https://juf-org.zoom.us/j/99989652658?pwd=Q1B2aTJvdTZkRUZ2MHZXdkZEQ1VaZz09

We are grateful to our JCFS liaison, Elizabeth Ury, for creating a 90-minute training in the skills to make effective bikkur cholim calls and visits available to our community.

We highly encourage everyone who is able to participate. Following the session, we will also be developing our bikkur cholim team. Those who are interested in being a part of this new initiative should join the training.

Please RSVP to Elizabeth Uhry: ElizabethUry@jcfs.org
Next Shabbat!

SKOKIE VALLEY AGUDATH JACOB
presents

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE
MICHAL BAR-ASHER SIEGAL

Shabbat Vayechi December 17-18, 2021

FRIDAY NIGHT 12/17 @ 8:00 PM

"WHEN A HERETIC WALKS INTO THE BET HAMIDRASH: ON MINIM STORIES IN THE BABYLONIAN TALMUD"

AT THE HOME OF TZVI & RACHEL NOVICK. CALL OFFICE FOR ADDRESS.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL WHO ATTEND.

SHABBAT 12/18

DRASHA: "THE HERETIC AND BRURIA: ON JEWISH-CHRISTIAN POLEMICS IN THE BABYLONIAN TALMUD"

SEUDAH SHLISHIT @ 4:00 PM
"ON THE PROMOTION OF WOMEN IN ISRAELI ACADEMIA"

Michal Bar-Asher Siegal is a scholar of rabbinic Judaism, focusing on aspects of Jewish-Christian interactions in the ancient world, and comparisons between Early Christian and rabbinic sources. She is an associate professor at The Goldstein-Goren Department of Jewish Thought, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, and an alumna of the Israel Young Academy of Sciences. She is the author of Early Christian Monastic Literature and the Babylonian Talmud (Cambridge University Press, 2013), and Jewish – Christian Dialogues on Scripture in Late Antiquity: Heretic Narratives of the Babylonian Talmud (Cambridge University Press, 2019)
AUTHENTICITY AND COMMUNITY:
Forging Creative Paths in Orthodox Judaism

Join us as our panel of community members share reflections on the intersections of their Jewish identities, talents, and professional work.

December 14th, 8:00 pm CST
https://ctu.zoom.us/j/98014568579

Zahava Berkowicz, DAc
Zahava is a Doctor of Acupuncture specializing in women's health and chronic pain and founder of Chicago Family Acupuncture in Northbrook.

Elan Mosbacher
Elan is a startup operator, advisor and investor, currently Chief Business Officer at Clearcover and Executive Advisor at SpotHero.

Adam Gabai
Adam is a software engineering manager in cloud security at Google Chicago.

This event is co-sponsored by Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob and Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies

December 14 @ 8pm: Authenticity and Community: Forging Paths in Orthodox Judaism: Join this illustrious panel featuring Skokie Valley members Zahava Berkowicz, Elan Mosbacher and Adam Gabai as they reflect on their professional lives and their religious identities. Co-sponsored by Skokie Valley and Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies. Zoom: https://ctu.zoom.us/j/98014568579
What mental health struggles can arise while navigating infertility? How can you care for your mental health while dealing with the stress of trying to build your family? Join us on 12/15 at 7 pm CST for this important conversation. Register here: www.noshameonu.org/events/infertility for Zoom link.

Libenu and No Shame on You Survey: We know that being a family caregiver is difficult and emotionally challenging. Our friends at Libenu and No Shame On U are partnering on a research study to better understand how to best support family caregivers of individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and/or those who struggle with mental health in the Chicago Jewish community. By participating, your perspective will help inform us and the broader community on ways to support the needs of caregivers like you.

Using this link Libenu - No Shame On U Caregiver Survey, please complete the ~10-minute survey by Dec. 20 to be entered in a drawing to win one of five $100 Amazon gift cards. Please note that all responses will be kept completely confidential and that only depersonalized, aggregated information will be shared with Libenu and No Shame on U.

Lost and Found

Did you forget this scooter? Contact the office!