

SKOKIE VALLEY

Welcomes you!



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Parshat Vayigash 11 Tevet 5781

Friday, December 25
Fast of Tevet 10
Fast Begins: 6:06 am
Fast Ends: 5:00 pm
9:00 am: Shacharit

Indoors *for pre-registered members only*
and via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/713951311>
passcode 613

4:15 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat
Indoors *for pre-registered members only*

Candle lighting: 4:05 pm

Shabbat, December 26

9:00 am: Shacharit
Indoors *for pre-registered members only*

4:05 pm: Mincha/Maariv
Indoors *for pre-registered members only*

Havdala: 5:08 pm
Virtual Havdala: 5:30 pm
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Daily Shacharit

9:00 am Sunday & Friday 12/25
7:00 am Monday & Thursday
7:15 am Tuesday & Wednesday
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Link to register for tefillot (members only):
[https://www.svaj.org/form/tefillah-attendance.](https://www.svaj.org/form/tefillah-attendance)

Parshat Vayechi 18 Tevet 5781

Friday, January 1
9:00 am: Shacharit

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4:20 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat
Indoors *for pre-registered members only*

Candle lighting: 4:10 pm

Shabbat, January 2

9:00 am: Shacharit
Indoors *for pre-registered members only*

4:10 pm: Mincha/Maariv
Indoors *for pre-registered members only*

Havdala: 5:13 pm
Virtual Havdala: 5:30 pm
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Yahrzeits:

10 Tevet/Dec 25 Harry David Klein z"l (Aaron Klein)
13 Tevet/Dec 28 Jeanette Chez z"l (Eugene Chez)
13 Tevet/Dec 28 Esther Cohen z"l (Sol Elgrably)
15 Tevet/Dec 30 Ethel Kaplan z"l (Sylvia Kaplan)
18 Tevet/Jan 2 Reuven Kuritsky z"l (Rita Utschen)
19 Tevet/Jan 3 Jacob Becker z"l (Marvin Becker)
20 Tevet/Jan 4 Robert Greenwald z"l (Judith Jacover)
22 Tevet/Jan 6 Sam Levin z"l (Miffie Nagorsky)
22 Tevet/Jan 6 Norma Tenenbaum z"l (Audrey Lane Schiff)
22 Tevet/Jan 6 Rabbi Abraham Langner z"l (Pearl Hirsch)
22 Tevet/Jan 6 Faye Goldstein z"l (Lynn Ditlove)
23 Tevet/Jan 7 Stanley Rosen z"l (Sy Rosen)
23 Tevet/Jan 7 Erwin Isaacson z"l (Beverly Rosenthal)

Coming Up at Skokie Valley

Motzei Shabbat, December 26 & January 2

5:30 pm: Virtual Havdalah! <https://zoom.us/j/713951311> Passcode: 613

Monday, December 28

8:00 pm: Meet and Greet with JCFS.

Skokie Valley is excited to be partnering with Jewish Child & Family Services (JCFS) in the Synagogue Community Partnership, an initiative that will deepen the connections between our synagogue and JCFS to the benefit of our community. The Synagogue Community Partnership (SCP) exists to provide programs and individual support to congregations by designating staff time by a JCFS Liaison specifically to our congregation. This liaison is available to meet with individual congregants to provide a listening ear, resources, and referrals for issues that are challenging in their lives. She will also work to provide programs and services within the Skokie Valley community to address topics that are of concern to our members and their families.

Our Liaison to JCFS will be Elizabeth Ury, the Director of Jewish Community Engagement. Elizabeth is an active member in the North Suburban Jewish Community and has worked in the Aging Services industry advocating for families' quality of life by working through intergenerational issues for over 20 years.

Elizabeth will be hosting a Meet and Greet on December 28th through Zoom to introduce herself and discuss tips for staying healthy through the winter as well as answer any questions about SCP.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86055210637?pwd=RXRCQ0tteW1xd3JSR3dWY2pVM3crdz09>

Passcode: 613

Meeting ID: 860 5521 0637

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Dial by your location: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Sunday, January 3

8 pm: Rabbi Jonathan Sacks z'l Memorial Book Club

In tribute to the memory of Rabbi Jonathan Sacks z'l and in response to the uncertain times we live in, Skokie Valley members will be reading *Morality: Restoring the Common Good in Divided Times*, the new book published by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks z'l. This reading group will be facilitated by our member Ilana Gleicher-Bloom. If you ordered a book from Skokie Valley, you may pick it up at Rosenblum's Judaica.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84340544841?pwd=Rk04b2VXWHZuMTFJTnVybnVvd1RiUT09>

Passcode: 613

Meeting ID: 843 4054 4841

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Sunday, January 3 (no class on 12/27)

8:30 am: Halacha in our Lives: Halacha comes from the word "to walk," and its central purpose is to help us walk with God. Each Sunday morning at 8:30, Rav Ari will give a 30-minute shiur on practical halacha, with an eye towards increasing spiritual awareness in our daily living. Fill out **this form** or email Rav Ari **ravari@svaj.org** with halachic questions you'd like to be discussed. Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/713951311> **Passcode: 613**

Tuesday, January 5 (no class on 12/29)

2:00 pm: The Book of Genesis with Rav Ari! Join us for a deep study of the Book of Genesis with Rav Ari, with selected midrashim and commentators. <https://zoom.us/j/713951311> **Passcode: 613**

Thursday, December 31 & January 7

11:15 am: Mid-Day Break for Breath and Well-Being with Bobbie Winter: Have grey skies and escalating Covid reports got you down? Have you gone through your "to do" list and watched all the videos you care to see? Is it harder to motivate yourself for daily tasks? Then Skokie Valley has what you need: a mid-day break with a nice cup of coffee or tea and a mood elevating 45 minutes with friendly people, along with guided breathing and relaxation to help you through the rest of the day. The group is looking forward to welcoming you.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86100712972?pwd=STlpNWVnZG42S0ZFYTb3dmdyUHZRZz09> **Passcode 613** Meeting ID: 861 0071 2972 One tap mobile +13126266799,,86100712972#

12:00 pm: Stop giving yourself back pain! Zoom in with Jen Cohen, a Physical Therapist specializing in orthopedics. Learn how to take care of your body while working from home. We will do useful stretches and mobility exercises right from your desk. This will help you stay healthy and prevent injuries while working from your home office/dining room table/tv tray in the playroom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87537313419?pwd=SHBQQzIwbzYzSjArNkFBUUowSGd6Zz09> **Passcode: 613**

8:00 pm: Parsha Shiur with Rabbinical Intern Yael Keller.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87392335225?pwd=T21mZG9wcVI0cTBRWThiSTBEM0FIZz09>
Passcode: 613

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Know someone who recently moved to Skokie who might be a good fit for our shul? Make sure to let the membership committee know! Please email Brian Altgold brianaltgold@gmail.com with relevant information and the committee will reach out!



Click to visit [Skokie Valley's YouTube Channel](#) for all videos, including Rav Ari's video drashot.

Community Use of Social Hall

After consultation with our medical committee, we have created a plan to make the social hall space available beyond tefillah. We are pleased to announce that members of the Skokie Valley community will now be able to register for private, **individual household** activities that strictly follow safety guidelines in the social hall at appointed times. [Click here for more information and sign up form](#). **Please note that this initiative is now open to two individual households at a time.**

Communal resources:

[Schedule a walk or time with Rav Ari](#)
[Chicago Jewish Community Support](#)
[COVID-19 and Domestic Abuse Resources](#)
[COVID-19 and Child Abuse](#)
[SHALVA COVID-19 Orthodox Outreach](#)

Join our WhatsApp groups!

[Women of Skokie Valley](#)
[Skokie Valley Chesed Corps](#)
[Let's Share Torah](#)
[Minyanaires](#)



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Beyond Skokie Valley



Community Counter would like to share a message from your Rabbis, doctors, and neighbors. Please take the time to watch it in full. Please also share this video far and wide— and encourage others to take the time to watch it, as well. Together, we can save lives. https://youtu.be/LnVGzyQ_PGM

We're here to help! Community Counter (communitycounter.org) is a comprehensive Covid-19 resource for our Orthodox community. CC has an extensive list of testing resources and can assist if you have tested positive and would like support with meals, counseling, plasma trials or finding solid medical and public health guidance. You can

help keep our community safer by completing a short survey (anonymously, if you prefer) for contact tracing. Please consider making a donation at <https://www.communitycounter.org/donate>. Endorsed by local Rabbanim, doctors and several public health depts. Questions? Call or text 847-986-0635, or email info@communitycounter.org. Thank you for partnering with us in protecting our community!