Shabbat Shalom

Friday, February 5
7:15 am: Shacharit
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only and via Zoom https://zoom.us/j/713951311 passcode 613
5:01 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only
Candle lighting: 4:51 pm

Shabbat, February 6
9:00 am: Shacharit
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only
4:50 pm: Mincha/Maariv
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only

Havdala: 5:55 pm
Virtual Havdala: 6:15 pm
via Zoom https://zoom.us/j/713951311 passcode 613

Daily Shacharit
9:00 am Sunday
7:00 am Monday, Thursday & Friday (Rosh Chodesh)
7:15 am Tuesday & Wednesday
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Daily Mincha/Maariv
5:00 pm Sunday to Thursday
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only and via Zoom https://zoom.us/j/713951311 passcode 613

Please note that, in order to keep everyone healthy, the shul office is still closed to walk-in visits. Please mail checks to the office, or put them in the mailbox next to the alley door. If you need to come to the office, please call Rose at 846-674-3473 to make an appointment. Rose and Carin are available by email and phone from 9am to 2pm Monday through Friday. Thank you for your understanding.

Baruch Dayan HaEmet
It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of former Rabbi of Skokie Valley Rabbi Dr. Gerald Teller z’l.
Burial took place on Tuesday in Israel.
Zoom shiva hours are twice daily through Monday morning, February 8:
9:00 - 11:00 AM
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89163465507
Meeting ID: 891 6346 5507
One tap mobile +13126266799,,89163465507#
7:00 - 9:00 PM
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84997098775
Meeting ID: 849 9709 8775
One tap mobile +13126266799,,84997098775#

Yahrzeits:
23 Shevat/Feb 5 Beatrice Klass z”l (Eugene Chez)
26 Shevat/Feb 8 Libby Rothstein z”l (Robert Rothstein)
26 Shevat/Feb 8 Albert Einhorn z”l (Barbara Bilow)
27 Shevat/Feb 9 Beatrice Arons z”l (Rick Arons)
28 Shevat/Feb 10 Abraham Reicin z”l (Edward Reicin)
28 Shevat/Feb 10 Stewart Hill z”l (Sonia Hill)
29 Shevat/Feb 11 Sadie Horwitz z”l (Anna Horwitz)
29 Shevat/Feb 11 Jose Borchowsky z”l (Josephine Meyer)
29 Shevat/Feb 11 Meyer Elgrably z”l (Georges Elgrably)
29 Shevat/Feb 11 Ariel Abramson z”l (Francine Abramson)

To register for in-person tefillot (members only): https://www.svaj.org/form/tefillah-attendance.html
This Week at Skokie Valley

Motzei Shabbat, February 6
6:15 pm: Virtual Havdalah! https://zoom.us/j/713951311 passcode: 613

Sunday, February 7
8:30 am: Halacha in our Lives with Rav Ari. https://zoom.us/j/713951311 passcode 613

10:00 am: Debi Crystal and Howie Farkas invite the community to join in the shloshim for Debi’s mother, Judy Crystal z”l. Shiur given by Rabbi Dr. Benjamin Samuels: Yitro: Counselor and Confidant.
If you would like a copy of the source sheet in advance, please email Debi at debicrystal@hotmail.com.

Rabbi Samuels is the Rabbi of Shaarei Tefillah in Newton, Mass. He is immediate-past president of the Vaad Harabonim of New England and a member of its Beit Din. He is a Master Teacher at Maayan: Torah Study from the Sources, a Genesis Scholar at Combined Jewish Philanthropies, and an instructor for CJP/Hebrew College’s Meah adult education program.
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86852826603?pwd=Sj9PWEdpWnhNaTdXMG1zVXFFcXk0QT09
Meeting ID: 868 5282 6603 Passcode: 613

Monday, February 8
7:00 pm: From Ethics to Efficacy: Vaccine Research and Distribution. This is the first class of Yeshivat Chovevei Torah’s Winter Learning Series Inyanei D’Yomah: Torah of Today. Skokie Valley is a sponsor of this informative series. More details are in the flyer below. All sessions will be held on Zoom.
Register for access: tiny.cc/yctorah.

Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Presents a Winter Learning Series

INYANEI D’YOMAH:
Torah of Today

Monday, February 8 8pm EST (7pm CST, 6pm MST, 5pm PST)
FROM ETHICS TO EFFICACY: VACCINE RESEARCH AND DISTRIBUTION
Dr. Alise Reitn, Dr. Kenneth Prager and Rabbi Dr. Jason Weiner ’06) share perspectives from Jewish Law and personal experience as scientists and practitioners

Sunday, February 14 12pm EST (11am CST, 10am MST, 9am PST)
MAKING THE DESERT BLOOM AGAIN: HOW ISRAEL CAN SURVIVE THE CLIMATE CRISIS
Noam Toar in conversation with Jessica Hallett and Rabbi Hagai Rasnikoff ’14
Part of our ongoing climate crisis series

Sunday, February 21 8pm EST (7pm CST, 6pm MST, 5pm PST)
AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE MEGILLAH: A STORY OF HALACHIC ACCOMMODATION
A family conversation between Rabbis Devorah Zlochower and Netanel Linzer, with Rabbi Jordan Soffer ’16
Marking Jewish Disabilities Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month

FROM TANACH TO TEANECK: THE TORAH OF BEING JEWISH AND POWERFUL
Dr. Rivka Press Schwartz discusses the state of the American Jewish community in 2021, in conversation with Rabbi Yonah Berman ’07

All sessions will be closed-captioned and include ASL interpretation

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The Riverdale Y, Bronx, NY
Torah Days
Toronto Partnership, Toronto, ON
Uni Lodge
Vallei Bet Shemesh, Pennsylvania, PA
Tuesday, February 9
2:00 pm: The Book of Genesis with Rav Ari. [https://zoom.us/j/713951311 passcode: 613]

Thursday, February 11
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-boosting 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]

Saturday Night February 13 at 7 pm: All Skokie Valley Teens and Tweens are invited to a Kick-Off Event! See old friends, make new friends! Play Games and Have Fun!
Zoom: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82856724628?pwd=ZEx4NTMvd3dtcThLZWg1VEV0RUIrQT09]
To learn about future events, join the Skokie Valley Teen/Tween WhatsApp Group:
[https://chat.whatsapp.com/B1zmOircomy7YPcLWu47vW]

Save the date: Purim: Evolution of a Holiday. Class via Zoom led by Rabbi Steven Mandel, in memory of his beloved wife, Marlene z”l. Please come prepared with a copy of Megillat Esther and a pad and pen/pencil.
Zoom: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87997599069?pwd=dEVIS0theHcvaGQxTm9MOVExVTVKZz09 Passcode: 603]
Meeting ID: 879 9759 9069 One tap mobile +13126266799,,87997599069#

Purim is coming!

From The Joint Youth Committee of Skokie Valley & Kol Sasson:
Though we can't celebrate together in person this year, we still want to share the joy of Purim, and we need your help. It's easy: just add a 5 - 20-second video of your family celebrating below. Kids can share their costumes, do a dance, or show off a talent. Performances will be showcased at this year’s virtual Purim party (details coming soon!). Thank you for being a part of our community celebration!
And here is the link to make the videos!
[https://app.vidhug.com/how-do-you-celebrate-purim/Bk_tKCSeO/record]

From the Ritual Committee: Information about Megillah reading, both live and via Zoom will be forthcoming.

Click to visit Skokie Valley’s YouTube Channel for all videos, including Rav Ari’s video drashot and Yael Keller’s Parsha Shiurim.
The past few months have challenged our community in unprecedented physical, spiritual, emotional and financial ways. Our community has responded heroically to these needs with open hands and hearts. As an institution, we are always looking for more ways to respond to these needs and better strengthen and serve our members, and thus are excited to enter this new partnership with JCFS Chicago! For more information, go to https://www.jcfs.org/. Our liaison to JCFS is Elizabeth Ury, the Director of Jewish Community Engagement. You may contact Elizabeth directly at ElizabethUry@JCFS.org 847-745-5421.

Please take a minute to complete this short survey so that JCFS can create programming that will meet the needs and interests of Skokie Valley: members.https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1JAQ0stcGn5Y-5X4wRF_nJD6ZbMOT5pIsILmlA0-JuOw/viewform?gxids=7628&edit_requested=true

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 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 two households may now sign up for a time slot together. Each household must sign the waiver.

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 Ari Berkowicz ariberk@gmail.com with relevant information and the committee will reach out!

Beyond Skokie Valley

Join the Jewish Female BSA Troop at Skokie Valley! Shomer Shabbos and Kashruth camping, cooking, and weekly fun-filled meetings. Builds friendship, leadership, and life skills. Open to all young women ages 11 through 18 or Grades 5th through 12th. For more information about the troop, please complete the following survey: Survey

Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month: A Call to Action
Jewish Disability Awareness Acceptance and Inclusion Month (JDAIM) is a time to raise awareness and champion the rights, gifts, and strengths of Jews with disabilities to be accepted and included in our community.

"You belong” has been woven through the fabric of JCC Chicago for over one hundred years. It is our commitment to provide inclusive opportunities designed to meet the needs of all our members and beyond. From Early Childhood to our day and overnight camps, to adult programming, inclusion of those with disabilities has always been at the forefront of our mission.

This February, along with the unified effort among many Jewish organizations around the world, we celebrate the multitude of inclusive programming we offer and that many families find belonging here.

JCC Chicago is proud to offer several virtual programs throughout the month of February in honor of JDAIM. There are programs for all ages and all events are FREE of charge with the option to make a donation to help support JCC Chicago. We hope you join us! For a schedule of events and more information: https://www.jccchicago.org/a-call-to-action/
Virtual Blood Drive has been extended! January 1 to February 28
In times when we can’t be together in person, we can still be together in support of our community. In partnership with Kol Sasson, we’re hosting a virtual blood drive after having to cancel our in-person drives due to COVID-19. Sign up to donate blood as part of our virtual blood drive; you’ll get an email invitation to find a convenient donation site and pick your appointment!
Because of you, life doesn’t stop. Join us today:
https://learn.vitalant.org/LP=148?utm_campaign=&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&utm_content=&drive_code=SK30&division=NORTHEAST&region=CHI&elqTrackId=eddc87ebe9684ffcb084f9f2e5a0ec15&elq=d5659a97275f4322a29401e6e067451c&elqaid=4277&elq=1&elqCampaignId=&fbclid=IwAR2VaGHyyn4i_XicJjbX4ecOtQXcx9hPSyC-2Zar6-9bhJdoXdnPsSF4cA

COVID-19 Vaccine Pre-Registration Open for Skokie Residents
All Skokie residents age 18 and over, and healthcare workers employed at a Skokie healthcare provider, are invited to pre-register to receive a future notification from the Village's Health and Human Services Department when they qualify to make a COVID-19 vaccination appointment. The Village is following the guidelines of the Illinois Department of Public Health and will be providing free vaccinations in a multi-phased approach. For more information on these phases, click here. The Village will move to new phases as sufficient doses of the COVID-19 vaccine become available. Proof of Skokie residency and/or if applicable employment at a Skokie healthcare provider will be required to receive a vaccine. Each household member age 18 and over must complete this survey. Click here to access the COVID-19 Vaccination Pre-Registration site. Notification Sign Up: Sign up for COVID-19 Alerts when new information is posted on the website and be sure to also subscribe to SkokieNews for email advisories.

Know a child in D219? See this important message about the excellent Hebrew program
As some of you may be aware – Hebrew has been offered as a foreign language class over the last few decades at Niles North High School (with accommodations for Niles West students who want to take it as well). This is one of the top Hebrew programs in the North Shore. Students who take the full four year program can be eligible for inclusion in Hebrew Honor Society as well as AP level credits. Until the Covid impact, this is the only Hebrew program that offers a student exchange program with a school in Karmiel, Israel.

The evolution of the Jewish community in the greater Niles Township has resulted in fluctuations in enrollment in the Hebrew program, putting the program at risk. Registration for the upcoming school year occurs in the Jan-Feb time frame. Incoming Freshmen will be registering for classes the first week of February. That is the time for students to let their counselors know that Hebrew is their foreign language of choice. The student numbers are tallied up for each level during the March time frame, and classes that don’t have enough student interest are put on the cut list that is approved at a board meeting in the April time frame.

If you have or know an incoming Freshman, talk to them about registering for this class next month. If you know or have a transfer student moving to Niles North or Niles West, urge them to consider signing up for this class. If the student you know or have is coming from a day school, they can contact Ms. Raiber annrai@d219.org in order to discuss placement at the correct level, to help them build on the skills and knowledge they already have. Let’s do what we can now to keep Hebrew alive at District 219.

Women inPower: A Global Community of Rising Leaders
JCC Chicago is proud to launch the 2021 Women inPower cohort, a 9-month fellowship pairing local business leader mentors with ambitious women looking to advance their own professional career and pursue senior leadership positions. Women inPower is fueled by an impressive group of Mentors and Steering Committee members, including Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot, Honorary Co-Chair of the Women inPower Steering Committee. Application deadline March 5th.
For more information and to apply, please click here: Women in Power.
Upcoming programs from Camp Young Judaea Midwest: February 10 @ 4:30pm: Join CYJ Midwest for Magic: The Gathering. Cast spells, summon creatures, and battle other camp wizards every second Wednesday of the month. Sign up now by visiting https://tinyurl.com/cyjmonthlymagic. Play games together this President's Day! From Settler's to Scattergories and Pictionary, we’ll be competing and having fun on Game Day with CYJ! This program is open to 2nd - 9th graders and registration is available now by visiting https://tinyurl.com/cyjpresident.

Come and learn about the magic of Camp Young Judaea Midwest! Don't miss out! We offer summer programs for campers entering 2nd grade through 9th grade. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00pm. Register here: https://tinyurl.com/cyjdays1

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_PGMD

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!

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