Shabbat Zachor
Parshat Tetzaveh
11 Adar 5780

Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, March 6
Shacharit: 7:15 am
Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Maariv: 5:38 pm in Berger
Candle lighting: 5:28 pm

Shabbat March 7
Bar Mitzvah of Tomer Goldberg
Shacharit: 9:00 am
Mincha: 5:25 pm
Havdallah: 6:32 pm

Sunday, March 8
Shacharit: 9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv: 6:40 pm

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

Daily Maariv
Monday: 7:20 pm
Tuesday through Thursday: 8:00 pm

Don’t forget to set your clocks ahead on Sunday at 2 am!

Mazal Tov!
Mazal tov to Becky & Zev Goldberg and family on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Tomer.

Welcome new member!
Eva & Josh Gavant and family!

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!

Todah Rabah
Kiddush is provided this Shabbat by Becky & Zev Goldberg in honor of Tomer’s Bar Mitzvah. After davening, everyone is invited to enjoy the delicious kiddush luncheon.

Seudah Shlishit is sponsored by Nina Black & Avery Hart, Melissa Hart, Sari Hart and Elizabeth Hart on the 4th yahrzeit of their mother and grandmother of Rav Ari, Marcia Hart z”l; and by Rachel & Michael Stein in memory of Michael’s father, Robert M. Stein z”l

Please note: Coffee Klatch this week will meet in Berger Beit Midrash.

Download our new mobile app! Go to https://www.svaj.org/getapp

Please help ensure there is a minyan at all weekday Tefillot! We know it’s cold and the weather can be bad--we greatly appreciate your efforts in supporting our community. We are looking for men to join the "Skokie Valley Minyan" WhatsApp group. Text your full name & "minyanaire" to Simi Chavel: 732-910-4348 or email sbchavel@gmail.com
Torat HaEmek - Torah of the Valley!
Do you have Torah that you want to share with our community? We will be printing divrei Torah from our members and placing them outside the main sanctuary. Please send any Torah you want to share to RavAri@svaj.org

Purim Schedule
Do you know someone who needs a home Megillah reading? Please contact a member of the ritual committee: Allan Burstyn aburstyn@yahoo.com, Rachel Stein simesstein@gmail.com, or Rav Ari ravari@svaj.org, and we will make it happen!

Monday, March 9: Taanit Esther
Fast begins: 6:00 am
Shacharit: 7:00 am
Mincha: 6:25 pm
End of Fast: 7:28 pm

Monday, Purim Night:
Maariv: 7:20 pm
Megillah: 7:30 pm
Approx. 8:30 pm: The Skokie Valley House Band will play after davening and snacks will be served!
9:30 pm: Purim After Party with music by Farbrengiton!

Tuesday, March 10: Purim
Shacharit: 7:00 am
Megillah: 7:40 am
Purim Palooza and Seudah: 4:40 pm
Mincha: 5:00 pm
Maariv: 8:00 pm

Women’s Purim Davening with the Skokie and West Rogers Park
Women’s Tefillah Groups downstairs in Israel Hall:
Shacharit: 9:00 am
Special Dvar Torah by Sara Wolkenfeld and Megillah Reading: approx. 9:45 am
RSVP if you need babysitting for ages 2 years and up: 847-675-3565

To donate Matanot Le’Evyonim, go to https://www.svaj.org/form/matanot-le-evyonim-2020.html

Be part of our 2020 Annual Campaign and help us reach our goal of 100% member participation! All donations count, big or small. Give your financial support before the March 31st deadline and help ensure our future. Pledge and Donate at https://www.svaj.org/annual-campaign-2020 or contact the office at 847-674-3473, office@svaj.org

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

Sunday Night Seminar Speaker Series: A Deeper Dive, featuring scholars in our community.

March 8, 15 and 29 @7:30 pm: Rabbi Marianne Novak presents “The Haggadah” as a cornerstone of our home liturgical practice reflecting our key sacred narrative, and one of the first Jewish ‘wiki’ projects.

May 24 and 31 @6:30 pm, Dr. Malka Simkovich will speak about “Jewish Vocabulary in the Ancient World”

July 12, 19, 26 and August 12 @6:30 pm, Dr. Sam Fleischacker will speak about “What is Idolatry?”

Tuesday, March 10, 4:40-6:30 pm: Purim Palooza! Fun, Games and Food! Volunteers are needed to pick up trays from Jewel and help set up and run the booths. Email Meira Goldman meirakatzoff@gmail.com to help. Go to https://www.svaj.org/purim-palooza-2020 to register and sponsor! See flyer for details!
Shabbat, March 13-14: Artist in Residence Jordan Gorfinkel

“Gorf” is a cartoonist, musician, producer and director and the creator of the Passover Haggadah Graphic Novel. We have a super-sized program planned!

Friday night at 8:30: Oneg Shabbat at the home of Marsha & Rick Arons.

Shabbat after Musaf: “Moses and Superman: What Superheroes Teach Us About Judaism & What Judaism Teaches Us About Superheroes”

Seudah shlishit after Mincha @6:35 pm: “Everything I Learned About Passover I Learned From Batman!”

After Shabbat @8:15 pm: Gorf will host a Cartooning Workshop for First Graders up to adults. $10 per person, $25 max per family. Register for the workshop at [https://www.svaj.org/cartoon-workshop](https://www.svaj.org/cartoon-workshop)

See flyer for more details.


Sunday, March 29 @ 4:15 pm: Good Deeds Day! A Celebration of Freedom in Song and Service with Chris Harris and Bright Star Community Outreach. At 4:15 we will be packing food for the homeless and at 5:15 there will be a concert with the Bright Star Community Outreach choir. More details to come!

April 8 @ 8:00 pm: 3rd Annual Open Seder. Save the date!

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 will not meet this week and will resume next week after Purim

Tuesday @ 2:00 pm: Bereshit with Rav Ari, Israel Hall will not meet this week and will resume next week after Purim

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!](mailto:children@svaj.org)

For the safety and security of our kids, children should be in groups or in shul with a caretaker. If children are found wandering the building, they will be brought directly to you. Thank you for your partnership in helping keep our children and community safe. For questions, contact Youth Director Sara Price [children@svaj.org](mailto: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.

Teen Homework Night! Weekly on Tuesday nights, from 7-9, there will be homework nights in the teen lounge! Bring friends and homework! Snacks will be provided. Please enter through the side door in the alley.
Misheberach for Cholim: In order to ensure that we are offering a misheberach for members of our community in need of physical, emotional and/or spiritual healing, we will be sending a monthly link to a form where you can enter the names of those for whom you wish a prayer to be said. All names on this list will be personally recited by a gabbai or gabbait every day when Torah is recited, in addition to being included in the prayers of individuals in our community. **If you enter a name on the list, we request that you renew it each month the person is in need of healing.** The list will be cleared on Shabbat Mevarchim each month. You may find the form at https://www.svaj.org/misheberach. You may also call the office with the information at 847-674-3473.

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...Hanna & Phil Katz!!

Family info: Phil, Hanna, and baby Ilan  
**Something that we don’t know about you:** We’re both certified scuba divers  
**How long have you been at Skokie Valley:** Since we moved to Skokie in August  
**Latkes or Hamentashen:** Hamentashen. Chocolate ones.  
**Favorite city in Israel:** Tzfat. It’s where we met.  
**Country you’d like to visit:** Australia

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

Take part in the United States Census 2020 beginning in mid-March. Responding can be done online, by phone or by mail. For more information, visit [2020Census.gov](http://2020Census.gov).

Please vote in the general primary election on March 17. For those registered in advance, early voting has already begun. You can also register in person at your polling location on election day.

**Cub Scout Pack 18 is coming to Skokie Valley!** Open to all children K-5 regardless of gender, religion or membership affiliation. For more information about joining or volunteering, contact Josh Feigelson jfeigelson@gmail.com

**Aviva Rubin is collecting kitchen supplies for Refugee One**, which helps new immigrants find apartments, jobs, and assists with tutoring in English and other subjects. They serve as a support to immigrants in their early months in Chicago and as they get settled. On March 12 they are having their “kitchen essentials” drive. Please look through your house to see if you have items that a family getting settled could use. Please contact Aviva Rubin avivawrubin@gmail.com to find out what items have been requested. It's a wonderful way to give in the spirit of Purim, “matanot l’evyonim”.

**Sunday, March 15 @ 1:30 -3:30,** Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger of Roots at the home of Nina Black and Avery Hart, 3705 Grove Street. Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger, an Orthodox Jewish settler who was a scholar in Residence at SVAJ last fall, and his friend Shadi Abu Awwad, a Palestinian activist, will be at a parlor meeting to talk and raise funds for their organization, Roots, a powerful source of inspiration as it invites religious settlers and their Palestinian neighbors to meet, speak and work together, creating a grassroots infrastructure for co-existence and peace - not just for the distant future but for today. For more information about Roots go to their web site https://www.friendsofroots.net. To RSVP to the event email: ninab51@gmail.com

**Thursday, March 19 @ 6:00 pm:** Two Films “Final Transports” and “Childhood Lost” at the Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. Join Illinois Holocaust Museum and WTTW for the premiere of two new 30-minute documentaries featuring Chicagoland Survivors. The red carpet premiere at the Museum will include light refreshments and post-screening Q&A with all four featured Chicagoland Survivors. Free to the public. Reservations required. RSVP: [Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center](http://Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center)

**Skokie Youth Little League Baseball:** Registration for 2020 Skokie Youth Little League Baseball is open! Skokie Youth is a Shomer Shabbat league for children between Nursery through 9th grade. You do not have to be a Skokie resident to play! The season goes from April through June. Register online at: [http://skokieyouth.org](http://skokieyouth.org). Early bird pricing if you register before March 1st.