Parshat Ki Tavo
20 Elul 5781

Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, August 27
7:15 am: Shacharit
6:30 pm: Mincha Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv
Candle lighting: 7:13 pm

Shabbat, August 28
9:00 am: Shacharit
Guest Drasha by Avidan Halivini
6:00 Skokie Women’s Tefillah Group Mincha
7:10 pm: Mincha/Maariv
Havdalah: 8:14 pm
Musical Selichot - 9:30 pm
In the Social Hall and on Zoom
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Sunday August 29
9:00 am: Shacharit
7:15 pm: Mincha/Maariv followed by Selichot

Daily Shacharit
Monday - Friday: 7:00 am with Selichot on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Daily Mincha/Maariv
Monday through Thursday: 7:15 pm (selichot to follow on Sunday and Wednesday)

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

Welcome New Members!
Janina Wilen Madoff & Ari Madoff & family
Deena & Joseph Rosenfeld & family
Pam & Cary Schack
Sara Abadi & David Shalkow & family

Mazal Tov!
Mazal tov to Molly Nussbaum, daughter of Stacey & Donny Nussbaum on her becoming a Bat Mitzvah this Sunday.

Yahrzeits
19 Elul/Aug 27  Lou Silverman z”l (Dorothy Cohen)
19 Elul/Aug 27  Sylvia Weiss z”l (Ira Weiss)
19 Elul/Aug 27  David Finestone z”l (William Finestone)
20 Elul/Aug 28  Louis Zolt z”l (Ruby Masters)
20 Elul/Aug 28  Carol Levin z”l (Tova Garfinkel)
22 Elul/Aug 30  Hy Meyer z”l (Josephine Meyer)
23 Elul/Aug 31  Chuck Kohn z”l (Carol Kohn)
23 Elul/Aug 31  Dr. Rabbi Ron Levine z”l (Aviva Jacobs)
24 Elul/Sept 1  Mary Weinstein z”l (Grace Weinstein)

Have some good news? Please email the Skokie Valley office so we can add to our weekly bulletin and email and share with the community!

Thank you to our sponsors
Seudah shlishit is sponsored this Shabbat by:
Myra and Ira Weiss in honor of Myra & Ira's 48th wedding anniversary & in honor of the 8th wedding anniversary of Rabbi Raysh Weiss & Rabbi Jonah Rank, and on the yahrzeits of Myra’s mother, Helen Siff and Ira’s mother, Sylvia Weiss.
William & Tammi Finestone on the yahrzeit of Bill’s father, David Finestone.
Hakarat Hatov! A huge thank you to everyone who helped unload and carry in our new Sanctuary chairs on one of the hottest days of the year: Barry Berkowitz, Joseph Bromberg, Debbie Eisenstein, Josh Gutstein, Avery Hart, Elliot Raff, Michael & Rachel Stein, Chai Wilensky, Alexander Wolf and Rav Ari. Yasher Koach! We are so lucky to have our wonderful maintenance team who were also recruited to help--thank you Mark and Oswaldo!

Indoor tefillot and synagogue activities at Skokie Valley will now require masking for all participants--vaccinated and unvaccinated. Contact the office for more information.

This year, we are excited to offer full indoor and outdoor services, along with childcare outdoors and on premises, to try to meet the needs of our diverse community.

Our indoor services will be held in the Social Hall and be led by our many wonderful and talented congregants. This space has a large capacity, upgraded ventilation system, open windows and flexible floor plan. There will be no assigned seating for this service, but you must reserve your seats by clicking the link below.

Our outdoor services will be held in our large Tent, and will also be led by congregants and by Hazzan Lawrence Szenes-Strauss. This service will also offer a Traditional seating option. There will be no assigned seating for these services. We will offer Rosh Hashanah morning, Kol Nidrei, Yom Kippur morning and Neilah services outdoors.

You must renew your membership before reserving High Holiday seats.

Click the links below for the appropriate forms. Full details may be found at https://www.svaj.org/hh-5782-resources

High Holiday Seats - Social Hall

High Holiday Seats - Tent - with Traditional Seating Option

Yom Kippur Appeal

Membership Renewal New Membership

Outdoor High Holiday Youth Groups Registration

It is time once again to support the Skokie Valley Yom Kippur Appeal! This is our largest campaign of the year, raising necessary funds to run the shul, and we hope that every Skokie Valley household will participate. Call the office with your pledge or click on the link: https://www.svaj.org/form/yom-kippur-appeal-5782.html. To date, we have raised over $43,000 from 62 families. Thank you for your participation! Shanah Tovah!
Outdoor High Holiday Youth Groups

This year's programming will feature tefillah, games, learning, yummy snacks and light lunch, and more! Groups for ages 4-12 will be located in the Skokie Valley Parking Lot and Playground, across the street from the front entrance of the shul. We are renting a second tent to provide a comfortable outdoor location for our youth. Youth programming will be offered from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm on both days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

In order to participate, children must be registered! [www.svaj.org/hh youth](http://www.svaj.org/hh youth).

Our wonderful Tot Shabbat program, which has been meeting in the park, will move to the Skokie Valley premises, outside on the grass in front of the building for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Tot Shabbat is at 10:30, weather permitting, for parents and kids 0-5. Bring a blanket/chairs, snacks and masks and join us! No registration is necessary.
SHMITTA & YOU
SUNDAY NIGHTS
8/15, 8/22, 8/29
@8:15PM
JOIN RAV ARI FOR A 3 PART SERIES ON THIS ANCIENT YET INNOVATIVE MITZVAH IN THE TORAH. EXPLORE HOW IT COULD CHANGE YOUR LIFE THIS YEAR.
IN PERSON IN SKOKIE VALLEY TENT AND ON ZOOM

CHANA'S PRAYER
PRE-ROSH HASHANAH LEARNING
TUESDAYS @2PM
8/17, 8/24, 8/31 @2:00PM
ON ROSH HASHANA, WE READ THE HAFTORAH THAT SERVES AS A FOUNDATION OF JEWISH SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER - CHANA’S TEFILAH. JOIN US IN THE TENT AND ON ZOOM TO EXPLORE THIS POWERFUL TEXT AND PREPARE FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS.
Sanctuary Walkthrough video: If you were unable to attend the Sanctuary Renovation presentation on August 19, you may view the recording here: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/4vISBuj9BrlkuHMHr9k_KDGQmM-p45oJPs1PnZ0kDkhvoV91jIONIF_G7HWa0Bmr3v_GWIlvFqZeyT Paxcode svaj613!

This Week at Skokie Valley

Friday, August 27
8:30-10 pm: Teen Tish with Avidan Halivni of Solu and Rav Ari
Rubin backyard: 9124 Kolmar. For ages 12-18. Share an evening of shmoozing and Torah with Avidan! Teens: come to learn how you can make a difference in your local community, and hear about ways to get involved with Solu in the coming months! Snacks and drinks will be served.
RSVP: avidan@solu.us

Shabbat, August 28
9:30-11:00 am: Outdoor, in person, drop-off groups for children ages 5-12 will be held in the big tent, barring extreme weather. Register here if you have not already registered for groups. All children must complete a one-time registration. All children and staff must remain masked for the duration of groups except when eating snacks while socially distanced.
For the safety of all, children must either be in shul or in the tent during services and may not play unsupervised outside the building.

10:30 am: Tot Shabbat in Timber Ridge Park, weather permitting. Bring a blanket and a mask for everyone over 2 who is not vaccinated, and join the growing Tot Shabbat community!

11:30 am to 12:30 pm: Kiddush in the big tent

6:00 pm: Skokie Women’s Tefillah Group Mincha in the Social Hall, followed by Seudah Shlishit and Singing in the Skokie Valley tent.

9:30 pm: Musical Selichot. The Skokie Valley band is getting back together for an inspiring Selichot experience. In the Social Hall and on Zoom https://zoom.us/j/713951311 Password 613
Interested in joining the band/choir? Contact Rav Ari ravari@svaj.org

Sunday, August 29
9 am - 12 noon: Solu in the Field! Somme Woods Nature Preserve, 1714 Dundee Road, Northbrook. Join the Somme Preservation team to learn about conservation and stewardship, and participate in seed gathering in a recovering ecosystem. This program is suitable for families with children ages 5+. RSVP to avidan@solu.us for more details!

8:15 pm: Preparing for the Shmitta Year, Part 3
Join Rav Ari to study about this ancient and innovative idea in the Torah. Explore how it could transform your life this year!
Skokie Valley Tent and on Zoom https://zoom.us/j/713951311, password 613

Tuesday, August 31
2:00 pm: Pre-Rosh Hashana Learning with Rav Ari: Chana’s Prayer, Part 3
On Rosh Hashanah, we read the Haftorah that serves as a foundation of Jewish spirituality and prayer--Chana’s tefillah. Join us to explore this powerful text and prepare for the High Holidays. Skokie Valley Tent and on Zoom https://zoom.us/j/713951311, password 613

Thursday, September 2
11:00 am: Mid-Day Break 2.0 with Bobbie Winter
Are you concerned about re-masking and the Delta Covid variant taking center stage? Please join Skokie Valley’s Thursday 11:00 am mid-day break to connect with others and to relax with breathing exercises and a guided
relaxation, enabling you to recharge for the rest of the day. These exercises also help with sleep and with any time you need to recenter yourself, to take a step back and breathe. We look forward to having you join us.

Bobbie Winter is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with 50 years experience in geriatric and medical social work. 

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86100712972?pwd=STlpNWVnZG42S0ZFYTBB3dmdyUHZRZz09 Passcode 613

Save the date! Shabbat, September 4 @ 4:00 pm: Meet and Greet with our new Youth Director, Ariel Wolgel in the Wolgel backyard, 8715 Harding Ave. Please RSVP Ariel at svajksyouth@gmail.com

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Security & Safety Upgrades

Exterior doors to the building will remain locked any time there is no security guard present. Access to the building will be available via keycards, keys, office buzzer during business hours and “Minyan Bell” during weekday tefillot.

The doors will be locked for Friday night services. Keycards may be brought to shul and used to enter for Friday night services before Shabbat begins.

On Shabbat morning, a guard and greeters will be at the main entrance to let people in for Shabbat morning services.

If you would like a key card, please contact the office at 847-674-3473, office@svaj.org

Please contact Matt Marcus at safety@svaj.org to be added to our growing list of volunteer greeters. We need your help! Thanks!

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Know someone who recently moved to Skokie who might be interested in 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!

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Click to visit Skokie Valley’s YouTube Channel for all videos, including Rav Ari’s video drashot and Adult Ed classes.

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Beyond Skokie Valley


For the first time in two years, Maot Chitim of Greater Chicago will once again be making deliveries of holiday food packages for those in need in our greater Chicago community. (Due to COVID, gift cards were sent to all of our beneficiaries in 2020, but, unfortunately, it was not easy for all of them to get to a store, in order to use the cards.)

Due to COVID and restricted warehouse space, volunteers will ONLY be doing deliveries. Warehouse packing will be done without volunteers. However, we are short about 100 volunteers for deliveries. Volunteers must pre-register via this link: https://calendly.com/jstoliar/driver-for-maot-chitim-rh21. Volunteers must be vaccinated (unless determined ineligible by age per CDC standards). Masks are required at pick up and delivery.

Warehouse location: 7080 N McCormick, Lincolnwood, IL 60712 (behind Lincolnwood Town Center)

Additionally, Maot Chitim are in need of volunteers for their building crews for 7 buildings. Building crews will deliver the packages to individual apartments that are being dropped off by truck. If you are able to volunteer for a building crew, please contact Joellyn Stoliar, Executive Director of Maot Chittim, via email at jstoliar@maotchitim.org.