

Shabbos and Yom Tov Edition



NHBZ Weekly News

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion
Affiliated with Union of Orthodox Congregations of America

October 8, 2022 • 13 Tishrei 5783 • Candle Lighting 6:16 pm • Shabbos Concludes 7:18 pm

Parshas Ha'Azinu
Haftorah

Deuteronomy 31:1 – 31:52
2 Samuel 22:1 – 22:51

Stone Chumash pp. 1100 – 1111
Stone Chumash pp. 1205 – 1207

We thank our generous sponsors

- **The Family of Jerry Cohen^{z"l}** who provided the treats to break the fast on Yom Kippur, in Jerry's loving memory
- **Dr. Craig & Jackie Berkin** for ice cream on the first day of Sukkot, in honor of Jacob and Akiva Horn

Prayer

Shabbos, Friday, October 7

- 6:10 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Ma'ariv
- 6:16 pm Candle Lighting

Shabbos, Saturday, October 8

- 9:00 am Shachris followed by Musaf
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **TBA**
 - Shacharis: **Richard Woolf**
 - Leyning: **Stuart Klamen**
- 10:00 am Kids' Program (downstairs)
- 6:00 pm Mincha, Shalosh Seudos, Ma'ariv
- 7:18 pm Shabbos concludes



Haftorah: **David Rubin**
Sermon: **TBA**
Musaf: **Richard Woolf**

Minyan Times Oct 6 – Oct 15, 2022

| | Thu Oct 6 | Fri Oct 7 | Shabbos Oct 8 | Sun Oct 9* | Mon Oct 10** | Tues Oct 11** | Wed Oct 12*** | Thu Oct 13*** | Fri Oct 14*** | Shabbos Oct 15*** |
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| Shachris (am) | 7:00 | 7:00 | 9:00 | 8:00 | 9:00 | 9:00 | 6:45 | 6:45 | 6:45 | 9:00 |
| Mincha/Ma'ariv (pm) | 6:15 | 6:10 | 6:00 | 6:10 | 6:05 | 6:05 | 6:05 | 6:05 | 6:05 | 5:50 |

*Erev Sukkot ** Sukkot ***Chol Ha'Moed Sukkot

Mazel Tov on Simchas This Week! October 9 – October 15, 2022

Happy Birthday

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| Ina Makovsky | Oct 9 |
| David Morgensztern | Oct 9 |
| Ariel Belasen | Oct 13 |



Happy Anniversary

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| Kenny & Barb Bressler | Oct 11 |
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Events

Coming Soon

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| • Wednesday, October 12 | – Scotch, Cigars & Torah (Men Only) (7 pm, after minyan) |
| • Thursday, October 13, 5:00 pm | – Happy Hour in the Sukkah (Women only) (5:00–6:30pm) |
| • Saturday, October 15 | – Melave Malka in the Sukkah (Adults only) |
| • Monday, October 17 | – Simchas Torah Dinner |
| • Sunday, October 30, 5-7 pm | – Lion's Den All-You-Can-Eat PIZZA NIGHT |
| • Sunday, November 6 | – Family Game Day (Stay tuned for details!) |
| • Shabbos, November 13 | – Synaplex Shabbat Returns! (Details coming soon!) |

On-Going

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| • Every Shabbos | – Learners' Service, 9:15 am – ON HIATUS |
| | – Shabbos Morning Kids' Program, 10:00 am (downstairs) |
| | – “Soul Building” with Rabbi David, 10:15 am – ON HIATUS |
| • Sunday Mornings, after Shachris | – Mishna learning with Rabbi Swidler |
| • Mondays, 7:40 pm | – St. Louis Kollel Amud-A-Week (after davening) |

Thanks to Those Who Raised Our Sukkah

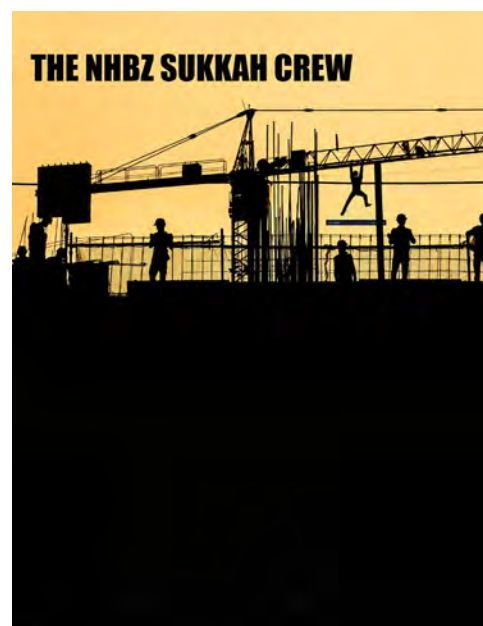
Shhhhhhhhhh....it's a very public secret (or, so an insider reports).

Thanks goes to the “Secret Structural Sukkah Society” (more commonly known as “société de souccah structurelle secrete”).

It was a “small but awesome team”:

**Gavriel Matt, Tony Granillo,
Bobby Levine (leader), Bob Kaiser
Menachem Szus and Meir Armoza.**

Mazel Tov! Bien fait! Good Yom Tov!



Sukkot Day 1 • October 10, 2022 • 15 Tishrei 5783

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| Torah Portion | Leviticus 22:26–23:44 | Siddur p. 471 | Chumash pp. 681–691 |
| Maftir | Numbers 29:12–16 | Siddur p. 473 | Chumash pp. 895 |
| Haftarah | Zechariah 14:1–21 | Siddur p. 473 | Chumash pp. 1241–1242 |

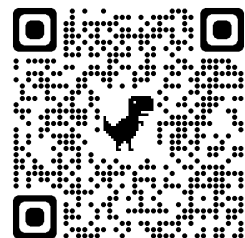
**Sukkot Day 2 • October 11, 2022 • 16 Tishrei 5783**

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| Maftir | Numbers 29:12–16 | Siddur p. 473 | Chumash pp. 895 |
| Haftarah | I Kings 8:2–8:21 | Siddur p. 474 | Chumash pp. 1242–1243 |

Simchas Torah Dinner, Monday, October 17

Join us for our traditional Simchas Torah Dinner. RSVPs by Noon, October 12 will give us an idea of how many will attend. Sponsorships in any amount requested and appreciated. Go to <https://www.nhbz.org/event/simchas-torah-dinner/> or use the QR code to RSVP.

**EVERYONE
WELCOME!**



NHBZ – Yom Kippur Appeal – 2022 – 5783



Dear Members and Friends,

First, I extend my family's greetings to you and your family for a Happy and Sweet New Year.

This past year brought a lot of changes to Nusach Hari Bnai Zion. We saw Rabbi Avi Okin move on to another path. We saw Rabbi Ze'ev Smason transition from his primary role as Rabbi of our shul. We went through great measures to search for, consider, and elect a new Rabbi – Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky. All of this within a 12-month period. To say things have been a bit tumultuous is an understatement! We made

daily, painstaking decisions, always with the best interest of the shul at heart.

Our professional staff, Synagogue Administrator Nancy Stenn and Bookkeeper Hindy Anton, attended to the daily operations, while we maintained the halachic standards of our synagogue, and we kept our services running safely and responsibly. This requires security each Shabbos, and at every event – an added expense in the unfortunate reality of today's world where antisemitism is on the rise.

On the plus side, although Covid has not quite disappeared altogether, we returned to some semblance of normalcy during this past year. We had great attendance at Rosh Hashana services, and we ramped up programming geared towards learning, socializing, and bonding. We saw some old members returning once Covid restrictions lifted, and we saw new members joining.

The purpose of this letter is to reach out to each one of you, with a request that you provide your synagogue with the necessary financial resources to continue our existing programming, and to launch new programming. The goal is maintaining a strong, vibrant congregation.

Nusach Hari B'nai Zion, founded in 1905, has existed for over 100 years, and with your continued support, we will exist for another 100 years. Towards that end, we plan to accelerate our youth programming and young adults programming, because it is ultimately the young people who represent the long-term future of our shul.

All of the above is only possible with your generous donations to your synagogue. I reach out to you to join me in fulfilling the mitzva of Tzedakah during this 10 days of Repentance. Repentance, Prayer, and Charity are the stalwarts of Rosh Hashana and the 10 Days. Please donate generously so that we can continue with our missions of in-reach and out-reach.

Contributions may be made by mailing a check, calling the office with your credit card, or making payment through PayPal (please be sure to note "For 2022 Yom Kippur Appeal" on the transaction). Please also consider dedications to have friends and relatives recognized in the process.

There are other ways to give as well, including charitable gifts from your IRA (if over 72), and stock donations. Your personal tax advisor can offer useful details and suggestions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kenneth Bressler, Shul President



New Year Greetings

5783 ~ 2022/23

The NHBZ Sisterhood thanks the following for participating in this year's New Year Greeting campaign to wish everyone in our NHBZ family Good Health, Happiness, Prosperity in the New Year!

Shana Tova U'metuka

Caryn Alper
Joanna Alper
Lenny & Fran Alper
Debbie & Jesse Barash
Craig & Jackie Berkin
Sam & Shirley Bluestein
Helen Bolt & Family
Kenny & Barb Bressler
Alan, Marcie, Nathan,
and Eliana Brook
Frances S. Cohen
Teree Farbstein
Amy & Denny Feit and Family
Mimi Fiszal
Meira Ganel
Rhonnie & Stanley Goldfader
Sandy & Marvin Greenberg
Joni & Bob Kaiser

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Faye Cohen McCary
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Morgensztern & Family
Sally Needle
Ruth Alper Novack & Family
Rachael Pevnick & Family
Steve & Myra Radinsky
Harold & Ellen Rosen
Libby Sorkin Routman & Family
The Belau-Rush Bunch
Debbie & Brian Sher and Family
Jerry & Gail Tullman
Stella & Leonid Vladimirov
Bruce & Faith Waxman

Your donations support NHBZ's Passport to Israel Program. To help us meet our New Year Greeting fundraising goal for this year send in your donation by October 14. Email sisterhood@nhbz.com. Thank you for your generosity!



Parashas Ha'Azinu

"When I call out the Name of *HaShem*, ascribe greatness to our G-d." This calling out, according to the Malbim and Rabbi Chaim of Volozhin, is one of Torah. Anyone who keeps the Torah and learns it learns the Name of *HaShem*. The Divine Presence rests upon him.

A community calling out *HaShem's* name, through study and prayer, produces the greatest broadcast of G-d's greatness. This is the task of the Jewish people, writes the Malbim - to publicize G-d's sovereignty in the world, to acknowledge that the laws of nature are subject to His will, and that the Torah is the medium for this acknowledgment. Every time we call out His Name, we ascribe greatness to our G-d.

In Parshas *Ha'azinu*, Moshe calls upon the Heaven and Earth and the Children of Israel to proclaim G-d's greatness. Though G-d set the laws of nature and rarely interferes with them, He continues to orchestrate the world's every detail. When we keep the Torah, *HaShem* dwells in our midst and His supervision becomes obvious. If, however, we do not fulfill the Torah, *HaShem* does not dwell in our midst and turns His countenance away from us. Subsequently, we do not feel His supervision.

Moshe cries out to Heaven and Earth, "When Israel keeps the Torah, influence them with goodness, with great wonder, until it is obvious to all that even the Laws of nature are in the Hands of *HaShem*. And if they should forsake the Torah, then it will seem as though there is no supervision from *HaShem*. It will seem as if only nature is at play."

Our task is clear: To the extent that we return to Torah learning and Torah living, the closer we will come to a wonderful existence that goes beyond the simple laws of nature. Returning to Torah is realizing our unique Jewish identity. We must proclaim and declare our special relationship with *HaShem*. We must also take extra care in reciting the blessing before Torah study. The Temple was destroyed because the Jewish people "left My Torah." How could that be when Torah study was so widespread, the Sages asked? Even though they learned Torah, we are informed, they didn't learn for the sake of learning. Rather, they learned Torah like any other subject. They did not recite a blessing upon learning Torah - proof that the Torah was not important in their eyes. Thus, their learning could not protect them.

Torah study is the declaration of G-d's Name. We must not learn Torah out of idle curiosity or for intellectual stimulation, but rather to ascribe greatness to the One who created the universe: We must learn Torah as a spiritual pursuit, and in doing so "ascribe greatness to our G-d."

Rabbi Stuart J. Rosen

Kenesset Israel Torah Center in Sacramento, California

- **Rabbi David's Learners' Service – On Hiatus**

Every Shabbos at 9:15 am. Just starting out? No worries. Rabbi David teaches the basics of Shabbos prayers.

- **Rabbi David's "Soul Building" Series – On Hiatus**

Every Shabbos at 10:15 am. Rabbi David teaches ways to deepen our understanding.

Sukkos

In the halachos of Sukkos, a clear distinction is made between the walls of the sukkah and its covering, the *schach*. The Rama holds that one must first build the walls of the sukkah prior to arranging the *schach* atop them. If one reverses the order and puts the *schach* up first (upon a frame, for example) and then places walls around it, it is debatable whether he has built a kosher sukkah. While some permit using this sukkah to fulfill the mitzvah, others disqualify it. While the crux of this dispute lies in the complexities of the Talmudic discourse, perhaps one can glean from it a certain symbolic insight into the meaning of the sukkah and the holiday of Sukkos.

The walls of the sukkah must be strong enough to withstand normal weather conditions. But the *schach* above must not be piled on so thick as to lock out the elements. The walls of the sukkah represent the barrier between us, the Jewish people, and the nations of the world, who are outside the sukkah. The walls must be strong; we must be protected from all outside forces and influences. Only when fortified in such a manner is it possible to develop a relationship with HaShem. But our sukkah cannot be so self-contained that rays of spirituality from above cannot penetrate it. The *schach* must be sparse enough to allow in sunlight.

The first time the Torah notes the building of sukkahs is when Yaakov and Eisav part company following their peaceful reunion, Eisav wishes to travel with Yaakov, but Yaakov begs off. After Eisav returns to Se'ir, Yaakov builds sukkahs for his animals and even calls the area Sukkos. Immediately thereafter, Yaakov's family must deal with Shechem. Dealing with this outside threat was not easy; the family was not of one voice on how to handle it. The separation between the young Jewish nation and her enemies had been breached and needed to be strengthened.

The Talmud relates that the non-Jewish world failed to prove themselves worthy of a special relationship with G-d. They bolted from the Sukkah. Was it because they could not tolerate the sukkah, or the sukkah could not tolerate them? The sukkah not only consummates our special union with G-d, but also upholds our unique station as G-d's chosen people – to the exclusion of the non-Jewish world.

All three pilgrimage festivals - Sukkos, Pesach, Shavuot - contain this theme: the exclusion of the non-Jew as a prerequisite to our becoming close to the Almighty. The need for the sukkah's walls to be established before the *schach* is in place highlights the importance of establishing ourselves as a unique nation, not one that emulates the ways of the non-Jewish world. Once that is accomplished, we can reach for higher levels of holiness and develop our relationship with HaShem, thereby earning His eternal protection.

Rabbi Edward Davis

Young Israel of Hollywood and Ft Lauderdale, Ft Lauderdale, FL



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NHBZ Sisterhood wishes you Good Health, Happiness & Prosperity in the New Year...5783!

L'Shana Tova U'metuka
to everyone in our NHBZ family!

If you sent in a greeting and your name does not appear on the Greeting Page in this Newsletter, please email sisterhood@nhbz.org

NHBZ is hosting a women's event

'Happy Hour' in the Sukkah

Thursday, Oct. 13, 5:00-6:30pm

Join us for schmoozing & socializing and appetizers & drinks in the Sukkah!

Start the new year with friends and fun, and words of inspiration from Mrs. Shira Swidler



Stop by for a drink, stay for a visit.

Guests are welcome. Suggested donation – \$10

Kashrus under supervision of Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky

“Impediments were given to us to overcome, not to wallow in.”

-- Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis

NHBZ Book Club News

The next book club meeting will be **Mon., Dec. 5**, at the home of **Vivian Zarkowsky**. The book selection is ***By Fire Possessed: Dona Gracia Nasi***, by Sandra Toro, a historical novel about the life of Doña Gracia Nasi, the intelligent and strong Jewish woman who saved thousands of Sephardic Jews from the Inquisition in the 16th Century. The Book Club usually meets on the **fourth Monday of odd-numbered months** at 7:15-8:45 PM. The first meeting in 2023 will be **Jan. 23**. The book is ***Israel: A Simple Guide to the Most Misunderstood Country on Earth*** by Noa Tishby. **All women are welcome!** For more information, contact **Fran Alper** at 314-993-4024 or fran.alper@outlook.com or sisterhood@nhbz.org.



Life itself, every breath we take, is the gift of G-d. Life is meaningful. We are not mere accidents of matter, generated by a universe that came into being for no reason and will one day, for no reason, cease to be. We are here because there is something we must do; to be G-d's partners in the work of creation, bringing the world that is closer to the world that ought to be.

– Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, z”l



Scotch, Cigars & Learning

...an NHBZ Men's Event

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Scotch, Cigars and Torah Learning
Outside on the NHBZ Patio

650 N. Price Road

Wednesday, October 12th
7:00 PM following minyan.

Kosher Food under the supervision of Rabbi Bogopulsky.



Sponsors in any amount are welcome.

(Please contact the office to sponsor. 314-991-2100)

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A Musical Melave Malka!

*NHBZ invites Young Couples and Singles to mingle and
join in a fun celebration as we say goodbye to Shabbat and
continue to celebrate in the Sukkah*

How long has it been since you've had a "Date Night" ?

So get a babysitter and enjoy a night out!

Saturday, October 15, 2022

8 p.m. to ?

*There is no cost for this event. You need not be a member of NHBZ to attend! So invite your
friends and neighbors! RSVP's are not required but are appreciated so that we can plan for*

food and drink. RSVP by emailing office@nhbz.org

or by using this QR Code

Sponsorships are welcome!





Rose Ragin Chesed Fund

Supporting our Members

What is the Rose Ragin Chesed Fund?

The fund provides for acts of chesed (lovingkindness) to support lifecycle events of NHBZ members, such as...



**Shiva trays
for mourners**



**Gifts for
newborns**



**Meals for
the sick**

How can I contribute to the Rose Ragin Chesed Fund?

- buy Rose Ragin Chesed cards and Purim Cards
- buy 'onesies' for a baby
- make a donation to the Rose Ragin Chesed Fund
- watch for upcoming special fund-raising campaigns

How else can I help?

Call Nancy in the NHBZ Office – 314-991-2100, ext. 2, to...

- notify her about someone who is in need of chesed
- have a misheberach said for someone
- volunteer for the Chesed Committee

Purchase a **pack of 5** Rose Ragin Chesed cards – **\$25 minimum donation**.
Keep some handy to send out whenever you'd like. It's a great way to honor a simcha, remember a loved one, or acknowledge anything at all.

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