



NHBZ Weekly News

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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December 3, 2022 • 9 Kislev 5783 • Candle Lighting 4:22 pm • Shabbos Concludes 5:25 pm

Parshas Vayetze
Haftorah

Genesis 28:10 – 32:3
Hosea 11:7 – 12:14

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We thank our generous sponsors

- Michael Reisler, Dr. Ron Reisler & Ilana Sultan, Susan & Tzvi Berman and Larry & Miriam Reisler for today's "Lunch and Learn" in celebration of the birthday of their father, Dr. David Reisler
- Kenny & Barb Bressler and Leo Bressler for this Weekly News in honor of the birthday of Menachem Szus
- Lenny & Fran Alper for Shalosh Seudos in memory of their beloved mother Becky Alper^{z"l} and grandmother Mary Ludwig^{z"l} on the occasion of their yahrzeits

Prayer

Shabbos, Friday, December 2

- 4:20 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Ma'ariv
- 4:22 pm Candle Lighting

Shabbos, Saturday, December 3

- 9:00 am Shachris followed by Musaf
Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
Shacharis: **Mateo John**
Leyning: **Stuart Klamen**
- 10:00 am Kids' Program (downstairs)
- 10:15 am "Soul Building" with Rabbi David (downstairs)
This week's topic: TBA
- 4:10 pm Mincha, Shalosh Seudos, Ma'ariv
- 5:25 pm Shabbos concludes

Haftorah: **Ron Reisler**

Sermon: **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**

Musaf: **Ron Reisler**



Minyan Times Dec 2 – Dec 10, 2022

	Fri Dec 2	Shabbos Dec 3	Sun Dec 4	Mon Dec 5	Tues Dec 6	Wed Dec 7	Thu Dec 8	Fri Dec 9	Shabbos Dec 10
Shachris (am)	7:00	9:00	8:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	9:00
Mincha/Ma'ariv (pm)	4:20	4:10	4:15	4:15	--	--	--	4:15	4:10
Ma'ariv Only (pm)	--	--	--		7:00 *	7:00 *	7:00 *	--	--

*Join us at 6:50 pm for a 10-minute *Shiur* (class) on Kitzur Shulchan Aruch

Congregation News

Mazel Tov on Simchas This Week! Dec 4 – Dec 10, 2022

Happy Birthday

Maxwell Goldman Dec 4
Eldad Bialecki Dec 9



Happy Anniversary

Milton & Tammy Sallis Dec 7

Events

Coming Soon

- Shabbos, Dec 2
- Shabbos, Dec 3
- Shabbos, Dec 17
- Shabbos, Dec 24
- Sunday, Dec 25
- Shabbos, Dec 31
- Shabbos, Jan 7, 2023
- Sunday, Jan 8, 2023
- Shabbos Dinner at NHBZ
- Kiddush “Lunch & Learn”: Rabbi Bogopulsky will offer a special D’var Torah during lunch
- Smason/Taylor Auf Ruf Luncheon (See below)
- Taylor Sheva Brachos Luncheon (See below)
- NHBZ’s Fabulous Chanukah Party (6 – 8:30 pm)
- SAVE THE DATE: Yosef Granillo Bar Mitzvah
- SAVE THE DATE: Benjamin Winograd Bar Mitzvah
- SAVE THE DATE: Exclusive NHBZ Tour of the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum (Stay tuned!)

On-Going

- Every Weekday, 6:15 am
- Every Shabbos
- Sunday Mornings, after Shachris
- Mondays, 8:00 pm
- Tuesdays, 12:00 pm
- Wednesdays, 12:15 pm
- Mondays – Thursdays, 3:00 pm
- Tuesdays – Thursdays, 6:50 pm
- Gemara (Talmud) learning with Rabbi Bogopulsky
- Shabbos Morning Kids' Program, 10:00 am (downstairs)
- “Soul Building” with Rabbi David, 10:15 am
- Mishna learning with Rabbi Swidler
- St. Louis Kollel Amud-A-Week
- “Journey through the Chumash” with Rabbi Bogopulsky
- Pirkei Avos / Ethics of the Fathers with Rabbi Smason
- Book of Kings: An On-line Class with Rabbi Smason
- Kitzur Shulchan Aruch with Rabbi Bogopulsky

Exclusive NHBZ Tour of the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum

Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 10:00 am

Please join us for an exclusive NHBZ tour of the new museum with your fellow congregants from NHBZ! The tour should take approximately 2 hours. \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors (65 and up!). See flyer for full details.

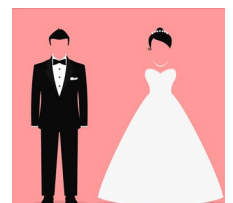
LOVE IS IN THE AIR!, Shabbos, December 17 and Shabbos, December 24, 2022

COME ONE! COME ALL!! CELEBRATE THE JOY!



The NHBZ Family celebrates the Smason/Taylor simcha (Dodi Smason is getting married!). Everyone is invited to join **Rabbi Ze'ev & Chani Smason and family** for Zack's *Auf Ruf* and lunch on Shabbos, December 17, 2022.

The celebration continues at the Sheva Brachos and lunch on Shabbos, December 24, 2022.



AND THE SIMCHAS CONTINUE...

Granillo Bar Mitzvah Friday, December 30 and Shabbos, December 31, 2022

"With gratitude to HaShem, the Granillo family invites you to Yosef Granillo's Bar Mitzvah on Shabbos, December 31, 2022. In addition, we invite the men of NHBZ to share their life's advice to the newly minted adult at a "*tish*" immediately following *Shachris* services on Friday, December 30, 2022. **Kindly RSVP to hellogranillo@gmail.com or hehadahat2009@gmail.com.**"



~ Carole Granillo

GLOW OF SUCCESS Thanksgiving Dinner for Olivette Police & Fire Departments

This year, once again, we brought Traditional Thanksgiving Kosher lunch for Olivette Police and Firefighters. Many thanks to the people who put so much effort into organizing, making flyers, shopping, cooking, delivering food as well as those who generously donated money: **Norma Rubin, Jackie Berkin, Bob Kaiser, Anna Rose Tandler, Bobby Levine, Jesse Barash, Faye, Bryan and Scott McCary, Rabbi Bogopulsky, Mimi Fiszal, Leonid Vladimirov, Sam & Shirley Bluestein, Susan Feigenbaum & Jay Pepose, Eliot & Sally Katz, Rachael Pevnick, an Anonymous donor and the Team Captain, Stella Vladimirov!** Big thanks to Team Thanksgiving!

A Message from our President and Rabbi Support for the Aish Annual Fundraiser

Once a year we have a formal but great opportunity to express our personal gratitude to Aish and its Rabbis. Aish St. Louis lives and breathes its mission to inspire each member of the St. Louis Jewish community regardless of affiliation, level of observance or knowledge, to personally experience, explore, and share the beauty and wisdom of our Jewish heritage.

We at NHBZ should be particularly grateful to Rabbi David for coming to NHBZ to run his "Soul Building" class at 10:15 each Shabbat, his holding Learners Services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and Mimi David's presentations on the second day of Rosh Hashanah.

Starting at 3 pm on Sunday, December 11 and through 3 pm on Monday December 12, Aish St. Louis will launch its annual Charidy campaign. Aish has no "members" or "dues." It is 100% dependent on donors like you. The Charidy campaign is the once a year online and real-time opportunity for anyone who supports what Aish does or what it stands for to show that support.

The 24-hour Charidy campaign comes and goes so fast that it really does require a bit of focused attention on all of our parts. On December 11 you should receive an email with the donation page link. Aish needs our financial support - please consider contributing!

Aish St. Louis is a gem, not just for the entire St. Louis Jewish Community, but more specifically for all of us here at NHBZ. Aish needs your financial support to continue to provide the high quality and personal programming it is known for. Please mark December 11-12 on your calendar for the Aish St. Louis Charidy event and join in supporting Aish St. Louis.

~ **Kenny Bressler, President and Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**

Monthly Father/Son Teen Minyan **First Minyan** December 10, 2022

We are proud to introduce a Father/Son Teen Minyan! This once-monthly Minyan will meet in the Chapel downstairs at 9:00 am. **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky** will lead the Minyan. Kiddush to follow! Please contact Rabbi Bogopulsky with any questions or if you would like to lead davening, leyning, or read the Haftorah.

In the Community

● MOScholars Tax Credit Program December 5, 2022 deadline

Everyone is urged to take advantage of the 2022 MOScholars tax credit program to support our local Jewish Day schools! If you pay Missouri State Tax, you are eligible to help this cause **without it costing you a penny**. The process is simple and takes less than a minute to fill out: You purchase a credit online, pay for it, and then give the credit to your tax person - the amount is deducted from your tax liability at tax time. Speak to Hillel Anton to learn more about how it works and how to join before the Dec. 5 deadline. 314-200-5781 hanton@agudahmo.org

● Pre-Chanukah Donut Decorating December 10, 2022

Second Annual “Chanukah Flames – See the Light” donut decorating event for GIRLS (1st through 6th grades). Chanukah inspiration by **Mrs. Mimi David** and donut decorating led by **Sabrina Gornish**. RSVP to yfarkas@stlkollel.co, and see flyer for complete details.

Learning at NHBZ

- **Gemara Learning with Rabbi Bogopulsky**, Weekdays, 6:15 am
Dive into the wisdom of the Gemara (Talmud). Start your day off right!
- **“Journey through the Chumash” with Rabbi Bogopulsky**, Tuesdays, 12:00 pm
Take an amazing journey of learning! Step by step, we will explore the Chumash.
- **Pirkei Avos / Ethics of the Fathers with Rabbi Smason**, Wednesdays, 12:15 pm
Feed your soul 45 minutes of spiritual nourishment from the timeless wisdom of our Sages, full of relevant, contemporary insights and lessons. Low-calorie, gluten free, and refreshing!
- **Book of Kings with Rabbi Smason**, Monday-Thursday, 3:00 pm (On Zoom!)
An online class providing an exciting and informative look into the lives of Israel’s early kings and prophets. Thirty-minute sessions on Zoom. Join class via this link:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78974795850?pwd=tw7lIOVumZ8QelPxHvApYZsox8VUem.1>
- **Kitzur Shulchan Aruch with Rabbi Bogopulsky**, Tuesday-Thursday, 6:50 pm
Invest a few minutes (right before Ma’ariv!) to expand your understanding of Halacha/Jewish Law.
- **“Soul Building” Series**, Every Shabbos, 10:15 am
Rabbi Yosef David teaches ways to deepen our understanding. This week’s topic: “TBA”

Parashas Vayetze (*Torah Insights from the Orthodox Union*)

Parshas Vayetze spans the twenty years spent by Yaakov Aveinu - the quintessential *ish tam*, man of integrity - in the inhospitable company of his sinister uncle, Lavan, a master of manipulation, deceit and double talk. From his initial embrace of Yaakov, which, Rashi notes, is actually a search for concealed valuables, Lavan is bent on exploiting Yaakov for his own purposes. Barely a month had passed when Lavan beguiles Yaakov into tending his flock and agrees to offer the hand of his younger daughter, Rachel, in exchange for seven years of labor. But after the allotted time, Lavan surreptitiously substitutes his eldest daughter, Leah, for Rachel and justifies his chicanery by invoking local custom. In order to claim his rightful bride, Yaakov has no choice but to commit himself to an additional seven years of servitude.

During the final six years of Yaakov's stay, Lavan's deception becomes routine; he repeatedly reneges on his agreements. Yaakov's fortunes nevertheless soar despite his uncle's machinations, and an embittered Lavan comes to view himself as victim rather than aggressor. The full measure of Lavan's hatred does not become apparent until the disappearance of his cherished *terafim* coupled with Yaakov's clandestine departure. Infuriated, Lavan engages in hot pursuit, intent on destroying Yaakov's entire family – Lavan's own daughters and grandchildren. Bloodshed is averted only through divine intervention, a frightful warning issued to Lavan in the dread of night.

Despite unrelenting exploitation, Yaakov maintains his faith and equanimity. This is most evident in his impassioned response to Lavan's tirade, in which Yaakov offers stirring testimony to twenty years of unwavering loyalty and meticulous honesty.

Yaakov's defense is as dignified as his labor – firm, but devoid of bitterness. Without engaging in personal attacks on Lavan, he eloquently places blame for the conflict where it belongs. As the *midrash* insightfully comments, “Better the grievances of the Patriarchs than the humility of the offspring.” Notwithstanding his inspired appeal, Yaakov's words made no discernable impression upon Lavan, whose callous response is, “All that you see is mine.” As the two part, the Torah notes that Lavan returns “to his place” – morally as well as geographically. For Lavan there is only stagnation. Yaakov, however, goes “on his way” – rising to new spiritual heights. Perhaps Yaakov's greatest achievement from his years with Lavan was his ability to confront *sheker* with *emes*. This was to become Yaakov's proud declaration to his brother Esau: “I managed to live with Lavan for twenty years, remaining faithful to the letter and spirit of the *mitzvos*, without succumbing to his evil ways.”

“*Maaseh avos siman labanim*” – the experiences of the Patriarchs provide inspiration to their progeny. Yaakov's moral triumph serves as a model for the Jew throughout history. In our own time, the Israeli government Jewish leadership, as well as individuals in their professional and personal relationships, are confronted by a sea of *sheker*. While we may not change the Lavans of the world, our challenge is to engage them in the spirit of “Yisrael Saba,” with firmness, integrity and dignity.

Rabbi Elchanan Adler
Congregation Ohav Zedek, Bayonne, NJ



THE SISTERHOOD SCOOP DECEMBER 3

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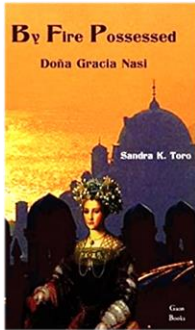
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Book Club Meets Monday

Sisterhood's Book Club meets **this Monday, 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. **Joyce Hochberg** will lead the discussion.



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. The March meeting will be **March 27** and the book is: ***The Lost Shtetl: A Novel***, by Max Gross. **All women are welcome! For more info or to RSVP**, contact **Fran Alper** at 314-993-4024 or fran.alper@outlook.com or sisterhood@nhbz.org

SHOULD WE TAKE
THE LADDER OR
THE STAIRS?

THE LATTER

ANYBODY EVER HEAR
OF AN ESCALATOR?

“The greatest challenge as Judaism has seen it is not to ascend from earth to heaven through the journey of the soul, but to bring the Divine presence from heaven to earth and share it with others.” – Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks ZTL

VAYETZEI: Out Into The World [www.aish.com]

The message of this week's Torah portion is immediately evident from its name -- *vayetzei*, "and he went out." Jacob goes out to the world. He does not choose to go out into the world. His brother, Esav, is chasing him in order to kill him, and Jacob has no choice but to leave.

I find that in the Jewish world, there are two opposing attitudes. Perhaps one approach is born as a reaction to the other. But neither is the ideal Jewish approach.

There is the approach that says a Jew must lock himself in a ghetto and never venture forth -- *no matter what the circumstance* -- lest he become sullied by the outside world. And then there is the opposing view that says a Jew must interact with the outside world -- *no matter what the circumstance* -- lest he become insular and unworldly.

As with all extremes, each of these approaches is deeply flawed. True Judaism can be found as a balance somewhere between the two.

An environment devoid of focus on G-dliness is not something a Jew should wish to engage by choice. It is distracting and confusing. However, there are times and places that he must do so. To escape danger, as in Jacob's circumstance; to make a living; to defend values that are held dear, or, as in our generation, to reach out and educate. Sometimes we Jews must go out into the world. And we should do so reluctantly, as did Jacob. But equally we should do so wholeheartedly -- as did Jacob.

In Judaism, there is nothing wrong with being insular -- as long as you do not shirk responsibility by doing so and as long as, like Jacob, you are ready to move into the world at a moment's notice. Equally, there is nothing wrong with engaging in the world -- as long as it does not become an end unto itself, that blurs the distinction between what is valuable and what is not. Extremes are always more comfortable, and that's why they attract us. But for a Jew, extremes are unproductive. Only the struggle for balance paves the road to meaningful existence. – **Rabbi Shaul Rosenblatt**

Sisterhood is gearing up for 2023 and we need YOU!

To prepare for 2023, Sisterhood will soon hold an open planning meeting to discuss the best ways for Sisterhood to proceed in its mission and activities for the coming year. Do you have ideas for a holiday activity, a Chesed project, or an education program? What activities would you like to see **your NHBZ Sisterhood** conduct? We need YOU, your ideas, and your energy. Join us to meet, learn, reconnect, and share ideas, as we plan for 2023 and beyond. All interested women will be invited to attend. **Watch this page and your email for the meeting date, time, and details.**

For questions email: sisterhood@nhbz.org





Join Us For An EXCLUSIVE TOUR!

**Please join us for an exclusive NHBZ tour
of the new Holocaust Museum.**

Sunday, January 8th, 2023

**We will meet at the museum at 10:00 AM.
The tour should take approximately 2 hours.**

COST: \$12.00 for Adults. \$10.00 for Seniors (65 and older)

**RSVP: By Thursday, December 15, 2022. Scan the QR-Code
to make reservations for this exclusive NHBZ guided tour.**

Or email: (office@nhbz.org) Or call to register at 314-991-2100 Ext:2.



**Questions: Contact Jesse Barash
(jessejbarash@gmail.com)
or call 636-299-0882.**



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At Torah Prep Girls School Gym

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