



# NHBZ Weekly News

## Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

Affiliated with Union of Orthodox Congregations of America

February 18, 2023 • 27 Sh'vat 5783 • Candle Lighting 5:22 pm • Shabbos Concludes 6:27 pm

Sedra Mishpatim  
Haftarah

Exodus 21:1 – 24:18  
Jeremiah 34:8 – 22; 33:25 – 26

Chumash pp. 416 – 443  
Chumash pp. 1156 – 1157

### *We thank our generous sponsors*

This week's kiddush lunch is sponsored by the **Amon Family** and the **Kaiser Family** in honor of the 65<sup>th</sup> birthdays of **SALLY AMON** and **BOB KAISER**. Mazel Tov!

## Prayer

### Shabbos, Friday, February 17

- 5:20 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Ma'ariv
- 5:22 pm Candle Lighting

### Shabbos, Saturday, February 18

- 9:00 am Shachris followed by Musaf  
Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**  
Shacharis: **Jacob Horn**  
Leyning: **Rabbi Yitzchok Shimon Hess**

Haftarah: **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**  
Sermon: **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**  
Musaf: **Richard Woolf**

- 10:00 am Kids' Program (downstairs)
- 10:15 am "Soul Building" with Guest Speaker Rabbi Daniel Sentell (downstairs)  
This week's topic: "The Purim Story & the Quagmire of the Quiet Queen"
- 5:10 pm Mincha, Shalosh Seudos, Ma'ariv
- 6:27 pm Shabbos concludes



### Minyan Times Feb 17 – Feb 25, 2023

	Fri Feb 17	Shabbos Feb 18	Sun Feb 19	Mon Feb 20	Tues Feb 21	Wed Feb 22	Thu Feb 23	Fri Feb 24	Shabbos Feb 25
Shachris (am)	7:00	9:00	8:00	7:00	6:45^	6:45^	7:00	7:00	9:00
Mincha/Ma'ariv (pm)	5:20	5:10	5:20	5:20	--	--	--	5:25	5:15
Ma'ariv Only (pm)	--	--	--	--	7:00*	7:00*	7:00*	--	--

^Rosh Chodesh

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

### Father/Son Teen Minyan, Shabbos, February 25, 9:00 am



Fathers, sons, grandfathers, uncles and friends please join Rabbi Bogopulsky in the Chapel downstairs for this special minyan. Contact Rabbi Bogopulsky if you would like to lead davening. Kiddush to follow!

## **MINYAN SURVEY**

The NHBZ Religious Committee thanks those who participated in our minyan survey. Your input is very important to us. If you haven't yet completed the survey, it's not too late. If you have any questions or need help, contact Faith Waxman at [faithegw@gmail.com](mailto:faithegw@gmail.com)

## **Congregation News**

### **Mazel Tov on Simchas This Week! Feb 17 – Feb 25, 2023**

#### **Happy Birthday**

Maxwell Pepose	Feb 17	Andrew Epstein	Feb 21
Morissa Pepose	Feb 17	Adira Tziviva Friedman	Feb 24
Samuel Pepose	Feb 17	Larry Chervitz	Feb 25
Rafi Matt	Feb 18	Karen Zeff	Feb 25
Ed Levitt	Feb 20		



#### **THANK YOU!**

**RACHAEL PEVNICK** sends a big, heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this birthday very special! She especially thanks those who sent tributes and made contributions in honor of her "BIG" birthday! Can't you hear her saying, "I love you ALL!"

#### **Coming Events**

- This Shabbos, Feb 18
  - Kiddush Lunch in honor of Bob Kaiser and Sally Amon's 65<sup>th</sup> birthdays sponsored by the Kaiser & Amon Families
- Shabbos, Feb 25, 9:00 am
  - Father/Son Teen Minyan
- Sunday, Feb 26, 5–7 pm
  - Lion's Den All-You-Can-Eat PIZZA NIGHT
- Thursday, Mar 2, 9:00 am
  - "Meet Tomorrow's Israeli Innovators: The Students of Technion" a breakfast event – SAVE THE DATE
- Shabbos, Mar 4
  - Kiddush enhanced by the Rubin Family
- Shabbos, Mar 11
  - Synaplex Shabbat – SAVE THE DATE (Kiddush enhanced by Dr. Ram & Sallie Volotzky)
- Shabbos, Mar 18
  - Shabbat with the St. Louis Kollel Rabbis – SAVE THE DATE

### **PIZZA NIGHT!!!!!! Sunday, February 26, 2023, 5-7 pm**

Delicious, hot KOSHER pizza! Fun for the whole family.

That's right, Folks! All-you-can-eat KOSHER Pizza Night. Pizza. Pasta. Salad. Fun.

**Adults \$15; Kids 4-10 \$7; Kids 3 and under FREE!**

We need chefs, setup & cleanup crews, servers

<https://www.nhbz.org/pizza-volunteer/>

All food under supervision of Rabbi Bogopulsky. See flyer for all the details



## **Nusach Hari B'nai Zion on FACEBOOK**

Please help us spread the word about all our exciting programs by following the Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Facebook page. Be sure to like and share whenever you see a post of an upcoming program. This will help to make our posts more visible to the general Jewish community. You can follow our Facebook page by clicking the link or by using the QR code. Thanks for helping us grow our NHBZ community!

<https://www.facebook.com/NusachHariBnaiZion>



## **No More Nuts at NHBZ**



For the health and safety of our members and guests, NHBZ is now a NUT-FREE food zone! (Our beloved eccentric personalities are always welcome! 😊)

Based on at least one known air-borne nut allergy, we decided to clear the air. Please refrain from bringing nut-based foods and snacks into the Shul.

## **PURIM IS COMING !!!**

Fulfill the mitzvah of Misloach Manos ~ gifts to friends! Give actual gifts of food to at least two friends, and then send our PURIM CARDS to everyone else!! All proceeds will benefit the NHBZ Chesed Fund. Cards may be purchased in our office, or call 314-991-2100, or email to [office@nhbz.org](mailto:office@nhbz.org).

\$10 per pack of 5 cards with envelopes  
\$18 per pack of 10 cards with envelopes

## **In the Community**

- **Annual Rabbi Noah Weinberg Memorial Lecture**, Feb 19, 7:30 pm  
Rav Gav (Rabbi Gavriel Friedman) presents a lecture on "The Power of Speech: What goes on behind the scenes when we talk." See flyer for details.
- **Tax Credit Scholarships Dinner**, Feb 20, 7:00-8:15pm  
Hillel Anton and Agudath Israel of Missouri cordially invite the entire community for a buffet dinner celebrating our first year of tax credit scholarships through our EAO. Monday February 20th from 7:00-8:15pm at the Third Degree Glass Factory, 5201 Delmar Blvd. Learn more about how this program has benefited our schools and community, and how you can participate. All adults are welcome to join this complimentary event. RSVPs are appreciated to [hanton@agudahmo.org](mailto:hanton@agudahmo.org)
- **A Night of Unity with Bracha Jaffe**, February 26, 2023  
Women and girls are invited to a community-wide live musical performance by **Bracha Jaffe**. To purchase tickets, [ucitynshei.booktix.com](http://ucitynshei.booktix.com).

# Learning at NHBZ

## Sedra Mishpatim

The word Mishpatim is translated in English by the term “ordinances.” Our sedra focuses on 53 mitvos, many of which are in the category of Mishpatim – rational, logical laws taught to the people.

The opening sentence of our sedra states: *"And these are the mishpatim, which you shall set before them"*. The Almighty is directing Moshe to set the laws of Judaism before the people in a simple, easy, and understandable fashion. Rashi asks why our sedra begins with the word "And". "And these are the ordinances ...." Rashi has two comments. 1.) Just as the previously mentioned laws (in last week's sedra of Yisro) mentioned the Ten Commandments that were presented by G-d at Sinai, so too were these mishpatim - logical, rational laws, given by Divine command at Mount Sinai. The first Gerer Rebbe, Rabbi Yitzchok Meir Alter (who lived in Poland 1789-1856) commented on Rashi's statement and said we should not keep the mishpatim, the rational laws of Judaism, the so called social laws only because they make sense to us, or because they are logical. We should observe these laws because they were also given at Sinai, along with the Ten Commandments. We keep these ordinances because they were given by G-d.

The second comment of Rashi on the first word of our sedra is: "And these are the ordinances – "And" indicates a correlation between the discussion here (Chapter 21 of Exodus) of the judicial system, and the previous discussion of the construction of the altar (Chapter 20). We learn that Sais Din Hagadol, the Jewish High Court, which was part of the judicial system, met near the mizbeach (altar) in the holy temple. This was not a coincidence. Rather it was of Divine design. The Torah is comprised of commandments regulating man's relationship to G-d as well as those mitzvos regulating man's attitudes towards his fellow man. The altar in the holy temple was symbolic of the potential for peace, which existed between the human being and his/her Creator. The courts, on the other hand, were symbolic of the potential working harmony between all Jews. Thus, it was appropriate for the great Sanhedrin, the Jewish Supreme Court, to convene near the altar. The word "And" bridges the discussion of the altar in last week's sedra with the laws of the Sais Din in this week's sedra.

In Shemos 22:24 we read about charity. *"If you lend money to my people, to the poor that be with you."* Rashi asks, what is the necessity of the phrase *"that be with you?"*. The verse reads well without this phrase. *"If you lend money to my people, to the poor."* Why the extra words *'that be with you'?* Rashi comments - imagine yourself to be poor. Our great commentator teaches us a lesson regarding the proper frame of mind in giving charity. If a person does not portray to himself realistically the plight of the poor person and family, the act of charity becomes abstract and dehumanized. However, to one who puts himself in the place of the poor man who lost his income, and actually feels his pain, the act of charity is enhanced and the amount given is increased.

This is what our sages meant when they stated in the Talmud (Serochos 6 S) - *"the merit for fasting is in the charity"*. In other words, on the fast day when the person of wealth also realizes what it meant to be hungry, he just becomes awakened to the importance and necessity for generosity and charity.

**[No Author Provided]**



## **On-Going Classes**

- **Gemara Learning with Rabbi Bogopulsky**, Weekdays, 6:15 am  
Dive into the wisdom of the Gemara (Talmud). Start your day off right!
- **St. Louis Kollel Amud-a-Week**, Mondays, 8:00 pm
- **“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=tw7lOVumZ8QeIPxHvApYZsox8VUem.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 with Rabbi David**, Every Shabbos, 10:15 am (**Rabbi Sentell on 2/18**)
- **Mishna Learning with Rabbi Swidler**, Every Sunday morning, after Shachris

## **NHBZ Giving & Dedication Opportunities**

Giving to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion provides you with an opportunity to fulfill the important mitzvah of contributing tzedakah (charity). We offer many ways to say Mazel Tov to relatives and friends in honor of simchas celebrated, or to remember loved ones by making a dedication in their memories.

### **Contributions & Dedications for Building & Campus**

To receive information on the many naming and dedication opportunities, please call our office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2.

### **Inscribed Bricks/Pavers & Plantings**

\$250.00 for 4"x8" inscribed Brick/Paver; \$500.00 for 8"x8" inscribed Brick/Paver

### **Tree of Life – In the Alper Lobby**

\$360.00 Minimum per Brass leaf inscribed, in memory of or in honor of a special person(s) or occasion.

### **Cast Iron Memorial Plaques – In the Feigenbaum-Pepose Learning Center**

\$360.00 Bronze Plaque - name in raised lettering. Molay is recited on each yearzeit.

### **Kaddish**

Important mitzvos to be observed in memory of relatives or dear friends.

\$360.00 Kaddish recited daily for eleven months after the passing of the individual.

\$360.00 Kaddish recited each yearzeit in perpetuity.

### **Book Funds – Dedications Inscribed**

\$60.00 Nusach Hari Daily Siddur

\$75.00 Artscroll – Stone Edition Chumash

\$60.00 each Rosh Hashana & Yom Kippur Machzorim

### **Shabbos Bulletin Sponsorship**

\$54 includes your specified dedication listed in the Bulletin

Call or email the office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2 or [office@nhbz.org](mailto:office@nhbz.org)

### **Tributes – Honor Simchas, Wishes for Good Health, Condolences**

Call or email the office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2 or [office@nhbz.org](mailto:office@nhbz.org)

\$10 donation per card; \$25 pack of 5 cards. We have "In memory...", "In honor ....", Speedy Recovery, and Rose Ragin Chesed Fund\* cards. (\*Sold only in packs of 5)

### **Kiddush Sponsorship – Defrays Costs of Shabbos & Yom Tov Kiddushim**

Please call our office for menu selections and pricing, 314-991-2100, ext. 2.

**PLEASE NOTE: The above prices, effective December 2022, are subject to change.**



# THE SISTERHOOD SCOOP

## FEBRUARY 18



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### Chesed Committee's Ladies Coffee & Learning Program a Success!

Nearly 40 women attended the Chesed event on Wednesday, Feb. 15, featuring Special Guest **Rebbetzin Chani Wasser** (left), speaking on the topic **"Don't Just Survive, Thrive: Navigating Life Challenges with Strength."**



### Criticism - Short Insights from *TheRebbe.org*

**"If you see what needs to be repaired and know how to repair it, then you have found a piece of the world that G-d has left for you to perfect. But if you only see what is wrong and what is ugly, then it is you yourself that needs repair."** [www.chabad.org](http://www.chabad.org)

### Book Club Invites YOU to Join

The Book Club regularly meets at 7:15-8:45 PM on the **4th Monday of odd-numbered months** ~ with occasional modifications due to holidays ~

★ **SAVE THESE DATES** ★ **SAVE THESE DATES** ★

★ **March 27 – *The Lost Shtetl: A Novel*, by Max Gross** – about a Polish village lost in time. at the home of Linda Shore

★ **May 22 – *The Watchmakers: A Story of Brotherhood, Survival, and Hope Amid the Holocaust*, by Harry Lenga & Scott Lenga** at the home of Devy Goldenberg

★ **July 31 – *The Golem and the Jinni: A Novel*, by Helene Wecker** at the home of Sharon Summers

**All women are welcome!**

For more information call

Fran Alper at 314-993-4024 or email

[fran.alper@outlook.com](mailto:fran.alper@outlook.com) or [sisterhood@nhbz.org](mailto:sisterhood@nhbz.org)



### All paid-up Sisterhood Members are invited to a *Membership Tea*



honoring **YOU** and all our Sisterhood Members

❧ ❧ ❧ **SAVE THE DATE** ❧ ❧ ❧

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 12**

**Join us for tea & a special program!**



Complete the attached Membership form and send in your 2023 Sisterhood Membership Dues for \$25

**RSVP by Sun. Mar. 5 to 314-991-2100 ext.3 or [sisterhood@nhbz.org](mailto:sisterhood@nhbz.org)**

Refreshments under supervision of Rabbi Chaim Bogopolsky

### PARSHAS MISHPATIM: *Ripple Effect*

A waiter gets paid for serving food, not for raising a customer's spirits.

A doctor gets paid for his medical treatment, not for the future accomplishments of his patients.

But G-d rewards not just the act of kindness but everything that will come about as a result of that act of kindness as well.

Take for example someone who is debating whether or not to help a friend on the verge of bankruptcy. He decides to help him out and the business survives. 150 workers remain employed.

One worker is saved from marital stress that would have happened as a result of job loss. Another is able to sign on a house and move his family to safer area. A worker with an elderly mother is able to afford home-aid care for her. The ripples go on and on.... All the result of a one loan.

In this week's Torah portion tell us about the commandment of lending money to the poor (22:24), a life changing act of kindness.

But lending does not stop with money; it is also mitzvah to lend objects. (Ahavat Chesed 1:2)

Helping out in this way can sometimes be difficult, even when the item is sitting unused.

An antidote to this struggle, (or to the struggle against doing any act of kindness) is to imagine the ripple effects that the act can put into motion.

The meeting that was not missed because of the loaned GPS, the knowledge gained from a borrowed book which is then perhaps taught to others, or the get well card written with the borrowed pen, which when given put a smile onto the face of someone ill.

The progress of an act of kindness is impossible to trace!

A small act, but unmeasurable result.

– adapted from **Shoshanna Dresner** [www.aish.com](http://www.aish.com)



# Sisterhood Membership Information for 2023

## NHBZ Sisterhood...

**Supporting congregation ... Strengthening community ... Promoting friendship ... Enriching lives**

### Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Sisterhood Mission

... to bring together the women of NHBZ, and other interested women, to serve and inspire our congregation, to support our community, and to enrich our lives through personal and spiritual growth in Torah values. Our activities further our commitment to Torah ideals, Jewish education, Zionism, and family.

Since 1950, the Sisterhood of Nusach Hari B'nai Zion has supplemented and enhanced the physical synagogue building as well as the spirituality of the congregation. Whether funding new kitchens, beautifying the landscape, or sponsoring holiday treats, the women of the Sisterhood have banded together to enrich our shul and inspire each other. Our fundraising supports Passport to Israel experiences for eligible members, synagogue improvements, sponsorships, and more.

***All paid-up Sisterhood Members are invited to a Membership Tea in March. Join today!***  
***Be a part of our Sisterhood. Grow with us in pride, belonging and purposefulness.***



NHBZ SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP FORM			
APPLICANT INFORMATION			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs.	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	<input type="checkbox"/> Miss	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr.
<input type="checkbox"/> Married		<input type="checkbox"/> Single	
<input type="checkbox"/> Widow			
Name:			
Current Address:			
City:		State:	ZIP Code:
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	Work Phone:
Email Address:			Hebrew Name:
Are you a Member of Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Congregation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			Date of Birth:
INTEREST SURVEY			
Occupation/Profession (current or former):			
Special Skills or Talents:			
List the Sisterhood activities of interest to you:			
Additional Comments:			
EMERGENCY CONTACT			
Name of Relative/Emergency Contact:			
Relationship:		Phone:	Phone:
SIGNATURE			
\$25 Annual Membership Dues			<input type="checkbox"/> Dues Paid for 20____ Amt\$____
Make check payable to <b>NHBZ</b> – write ' <b>Sisterhood</b> ' in the memo line – Mail to NHBZ, 650 N. Price Road, StL, MO 60132			
Applicant Signature:			Date:

For more information: email [sisterhood@nhbz.org](mailto:sisterhood@nhbz.org), visit [www.nhbz.org](http://www.nhbz.org), or telephone: 314-991-2100





**Please Join Us For**  
**Father/Son Teen Minyan**

***SHABBAT, FEB 25TH***

**We are proud to introduce a Father/Son Teen Minyan!**  
**This once-monthly Shabbos Minyan will meet in the Chapel**  
**downstairs at 9:00 a.m. Kiddush to follow!**

**Please contact Rabbi Bogopulsky with any questions**  
**or if you would like to lead davening, leyning or the Haftorah.**



**[www.nhbz.org](http://www.nhbz.org) | 314.991.2100**



**Sunday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup> • 5:00-7:00 pm**

**Dine-In Buffet • Adults: \$15.00 ~ Kids 4-10: \$7.00 ~ Kids 3 & under: FREE**

**Cheese is Cholov Yisroel; pareve crusts available upon request. All food under the supervision of Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**

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314-991-2100

*Nusach Hari  
B'nai Zion*

**EAT ... EAT! IT'S KOSHER!**

# The Lion's Den KOSHER Pizza Night

**ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET**

**Includes Pizza, Pasta, Salad and Garlic Bread plus a Dessert and a Beverage**

# Returns!



We accept credit cards at

**NHBZ PIZZA NIGHT**



*Delicious*

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# The Annual Rabbi Noah Weinberg Memorial Lecture

*featuring the incomparable  
Rabbi Gavriel Friedman  
aka Rav Gav*



## The Power of Speech What goes on behind the scenes when we talk

**Sunday, February 19 at 7:30 pm**

Hilton St. Louis Frontenac  
1335 S. Lindbergh Blvd.  
Saint Louis, Missouri 63131



*Dessert reception to follow*

For more information  
call 314-862-2474 or  
email [cwolff@aish.com](mailto:cwolff@aish.com)

*\$10 suggested donation*

**This lecture is dedicated in loving memory of  
Jerry Axelbaum, a"h by the Axelbaum family.**



Agudath  
Israel of  
Missouri

# CELEBRATING THE FIRST YEAR OF EAO TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS



Join us for a  
**Buffet Dinner**

Monday  
**2.20**

7:00-  
8:15 PM

Third Degree  
Glass Factory  
5200 Delmar Blvd.

All adults are welcome to this complimentary event.

Including a presentation on  
**The 3 Biggest Myths and Misconceptions  
Concerning Tax Credits**

by  
**Naftali Friedman**  
CFO MGM Healthcare

RSVPs are appreciated to [hanton@agudahmo.org](mailto:hanton@agudahmo.org)  
For more details, please contact Hillel Anton, 314-200-5781





# 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.

**314-991-2100, ext. 2**