



NHBZ Weekly News

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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April 1, 2023 • 10 Nisan 5783 • Candle Lighting 7:23 pm • Shabbos Concludes 8:09 pm

Shabbos Hagadol – the Great Shabbos preceding Pesach

Parshas Tzav
Haftorah

Leviticus 6:1 – 8:36
Jeremiah 7:21 – 28; 9:22 – 23

Chumash pp. 568 – 586
Chumash pp. 1167 – 1168

Thanks to our generous sponsors this Shabbos (and MAZEL TOV!)

- Kiddush Lunch sponsored and prepared by **Mimi Fiszal** in celebration of her 75th Birthday!
- Tzeischem L'Shalom to **Meir Armoza** as he returns home to Israel! In recognition, his St. Louis friends sponsor this week's NHBZ Weekly News and a special L'Chaim.

Prayer

Shabbos, Friday, March 31

- 6:55 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Ma'ariv
- 7:23 pm Candle Lighting

Shabbos, Saturday, April 1

- 9:00 am Shachris followed by Musaf
Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
Shacharis: **Howard Sandler**
Leyning: **Stuart Klamen**
- 10:00 am Kids' Program (downstairs)
- 10:00 am "Soul Building" with Rabbi Yosef David (downstairs)
This week's topic: "Give Me Liberty or Give Me _____. How Free Are We Really?"
- 6:20 pm Pre-Mincha *Shiur* with **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**
- 6:50 pm Mincha, Shalosh Seudos, Ma'ariv
- 8:09 pm Shabbos concludes

Haftorah: **Meir Armoza**
Sermon: **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**
Musaf: **Alan Haber**



Father/Son Teen Minyan, This Shabbos, 9:00 am (Downstairs)

We welcome men of all ages to this special minyan led by **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**.

Minyan Times Mar 31 – Apr 8, 2023 ~ Complete Pesach Schedule on page 3~

	Fri Mar 31	Shabbos Apr 1	Sun Apr 2	Mon Apr 3	Tues Apr 4	Wed* Apr 5	Thu** Apr 6	Fri Apr 7	Shabbos Apr 8
Shachris (am)	7:00	9:00	8:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	9:00	9:00	9:00
Mincha/Ma'ariv (pm)	6:55	6:50	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:05	7:10	7:10	7:00

*First Seder ** Second Seder

Shabbos HaGodol

Today is the Shabbos before Pesach. It commemorates the 10th day of Nisan, when the Hebrew slaves took the lambs that they were going to offer for Pesach and tied them up outside their homes, to keep until they offered them on the 14th of Nisan. This was a very dangerous thing to do, because Egyptians worshipped sheep; but miraculously, instead of slaughtering the Hebrews, the Egyptians fought with each other over whether the Hebrews should be sent away already. Some have the custom of reading a special haftorah today, Malachi 3:4 - 3:24, which tells about the return of Elijah the prophet and the coming of the Messiah. We believe that Elijah will return at Pesach, and that is why we include a cup of wine for him at the seder.

Congregation News

Mazel Tov on Simchas This Week! Mar 31 – Apr 8, 2023

Happy Birthday

Keith Zeff	Apr 1	Margo Tzadok	Apr 6
Eliana Brook	Apr 4	Trudy Sudin	Apr 8

Happy Anniversary

Jason & Nancy Rush	Apr 6
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Coming Events

- Shabbos, April 15 – Kiddush lunch sponsored by Szus Family in celebration of Eli Szus & Josephine Mairzedeh's Engagement (Mazel Tov!)
- Wed., April 19, 7:30 pm – First of Rabbi Avi Feigenbaum's Three-Part Series entitled "Great Jewish Leaders – And How You Can Become the Next One"
- Shabbos, April 22 – Yom HaAtzmaut Kiddush Lunch Celebration
- Sunday, April 23 – Lion's Den All-You-Can-Eat PIZZA NIGHT – **NEW DATE**
- Shabbos, April 29 – Kiddush Lunch and Learn with Sharsheret – See flyer

Maos Chitim Campaign

Please join the Vaad Hoeir of St. Louis in providing for the needs of families during Pesach (and beyond). Your contributions provide hundreds of families with Pesach food and programs. Donations accepted online at www.stlmaoschitim.com. Checks should be made payable to "Maos Chitim" and mailed to The Vaad Hoeir of St. Louis, 4 Millstone Campus Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146.

Lion's Den Pizza Night – NEW DATE! Sunday, April 23, 5-7 pm

Same delicious HOT KOSHER PIZZA, PASTA, SALAD and FUN!

All-you-can-eat Pizza Night comes early this month! Mark your calendar.

Volunteers needed. Sign-up link coming soon.

All food under supervision of Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky



NHBZ Pesach Schedule 2023

Tuesday, April 4

Shacharis 7:00 am
Bedikas Chometz (Search) After 8:12 pm

Wednesday, April 5, Erev Pesach

Shacharis 7:00 am
Siyum for First Born Following Shacharis
Finish Eating Chometz 10:29 am
Biyur Chometz (Burning) by 11:46 am
Bitul Chometz (Annuling) by 11:46 am
Eruv Tavshilin
Mincha/Maariv 7:05 pm
Candle Lighting Shabbos/Yom Tov 7:10 pm
First Seder after 8:13 pm

Thursday, April 6, 1st Day of Pesach

Shacharis 9:00 am
Torah Portion..... Exodus 12:21-51; Chumash 354-361
..... Numbers 28:16-25; Chumash 892-893
Haftorah
..... Joshua 3:5-7; Joshua 5:2-6:1; Joshua 6:27
..... Chumash 1221-1222
Mincha/Maariv 7:10 pm
Candle Lighting & Second Seder After 8:14 pm

Friday, April 7, 2nd Day of Pesach

Shacharis 9:00 am
Torah Portion.. Leviticus 22:26-23:44; Chumash 681-691
..... Numbers 28:16-25; Chumash 893
Haftorah
.. II Kings 23:1-9; II Kings 23:21-25; Chumash 1222-1223
Mincha 7:10 pm
Candle Lighting Before 7:12 pm

Shabbos Chol Hamoed, April 8

Shacharis 9:00 am
Torah Portion.... Exodus 33:12-34:26; Chumash 504-513
..... Numbers 28:19-25; Chumash 892-893
Haftorah
..... Ezekiel 37:1-14; Chumash 1224-1225

Please remember to make Kiddush at home as we will not be making Kiddush at Shul.

Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:00 pm
Shabbos Concludes..... 8:16 pm

Sunday, April 9, Chol Hamoed

Shacharis 8:00 am
Mincha/Maariv 7:00 pm

Monday, April 10, Chol Hamoed

Shacharis 6:45 am
Mincha/Maariv 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 11, Chol Hamoed - Erev Yom Tov

Shacharis 6:45 am
Mincha/Maariv 7:10 pm
Candle Lighting Erev Yom Tov 7:16 pm

Wednesday, April 12, 7th Day of Pesach

Shacharis 9:00 am
Torah Portion.... Exodus 13:17-15:26; Chumash 367-383
..... Numbers 28:19-25; Chumash 893
Haftorah.....
..... II Samuel 22:1-51; Chumash 1224-1226
Mincha/Maariv 7:15 pm
Candle Lighting for Yom Tov After 8:20 pm

Thursday, April 13, 8th Day of Pesach (Yizkor)

Shacharis 9:00 am
Torah Portion... Deut. 14:22-16:17; Chumash 1013-1023
..... Numbers 28:19-25; Chumash 893
Haftorah.....
..... Isaiah 10:32-12:6; Chumash 1226-1227
Yizkor..... 10:30 am
Mincha/Seudat Moshiah/Maariv 7:15 pm
Pesach Concludes..... 8:21 pm

Important Note: before eating chometz, you must wait for at least one hour after Pesach concludes, until 9:30 pm, so that the rabbis have time to buy back your chometz & until Pesach utensils are put away.



Learning at NHBZ

Parshas Tzav – Shabbos Hagodol

Much can be learned, in terms of social graces and religious etiquette, from the korban todah, the thanksgiving offering detailed in this week's parshah. Rashi, basing himself on the Talmud, lists the four who bring a todah: one who returns from travel at sea; one who returns from a journey in the wilderness; one who is released from prison; and one who recovers from an illness.

This comment of Rashi requires an explanation. We know that bringing a thanksgiving offering is not obligatory; it is a voluntary heartfelt gesture. The priests and the courts could never demand that someone bring a todah. How can Rashi then imply that specific cases require one to offer an animal as evidence of his thanks?

We might better understand the korban todah as a moral requirement, not a legal one. Accordingly, the Gemara uses the term *tzrichin*, implying that one is expected to bring a todah as prescribed by the Gemara. If the Gemara intended to obligate one to bring an offering in these four cases, it would have used the term *chayavim*, which indicates a halachic imperative. This distinction notwithstanding, one can still claim that offering thanks is, in fact, required.

Our need to thank Hashem and be cognizant of His kindness in an actively expressive way is an ethically binding commitment. The Chovos Halevavos explains that the entire foundation of our service to G-d flows from our recognition that we owe the A-mighty our thanks. Although the bringing of this offering is not, in the formal sense, an obligation, it is nonetheless required as an expression of one's ethical personality. Moreover, the korban todah – an expression of thanks for an event that assumes the importance of a miracle – was eaten only during the very day it was brought. As miracles occur daily for our benefit, the Gerer Rebbe explains, we must recognize and thank Hashem every day for His help. It is not sufficient that we gave thanks yesterday. Every day brings new opportunities to appreciate G-d's goodness to us and we must express our thanks in a timely manner.

Furthermore, the Abarbanel notes, since the meat had to be finished that day, the offerer was encouraged to invite relatives, friends and neighbors to eat and celebrate with him. They would be curious to know the reason for the celebration, and he would have the opportunity to share the great wonders of G-d that precipitated the offering. Such an experience would engender positive and fruitful discussion and involvement.

Were more time provided to eat the offering, there would be less pressure to share. Implied, then, is an added understanding of the concept, "A mitzvah that presents itself – do not let it sour."

By creating the need to share the korban todah experience, one shares the joy and the example of his appreciation, and thereby expands the faith of the community and its appreciation for G-d's grace and goodness.

Rabbi Lawrence S. Zierler

Kehillat-Yaakov Warrensville Center Synagogue in Cleveland Heights, OH

Parshas Shabbos Hagodol -- "Remember the teachings of Moshe."

The Shabbos before Pesach is called Shabbos Hagodol because in Egypt it was the day when the Jewish people took the sheep that they would bring as their Pesach offerings. Each family tied its sheep to a bedpost and informed the infuriated Egyptians that the sheep, an Egyptian deity, would become an offering to Hashem. The Egyptians were powerless to react, but the Jews did not know that. They acted as they did because Moses told them to - and because they trusted G-d and His prophet. The haftorah ends with the stirring call to "Remember the teachings of Moshe" - because G-d will soon send His prophet Elijah to herald "the great and awesome day of Hashem."

Selling Chometz – Pesach 2023/5783

Dear Members and Friends,

We are pleased to offer three methods to designate Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky as your *shliach* (proxy) to sell your chometz this year: you may personally meet with Rabbi Bogopulsky, email an authorization form, or send by regular (USPS) mail. Please note that the preferred method is to meet with the Rabbi in person.

Rabbi Bogopulsky will be available after evening minyan Thursday (3/23) and Monday through Thursday (3/27-3/30) next week. He will also be available after morning minyan on Tuesday (3/28) and Wednesday (3/29), as well as after Chumash class on Tuesday (approximately 12:45 pm).

Rabbi Bogopulsky is also available by appointment. Those who are unable to make it to Shul may contact the Rabbi to schedule a house visit.

Below is a sample form authorizing Rabbi Bogopulsky to be your *shliach* for Pesach this year, to begin on the evening of April 5 and conclude on the evening of April 13, 2023.

Your authorization form MUST be in Rabbi Bogopulsky's possession no later than 3:00 P.M. Tuesday, April 4. If you plan on sending the form by regular ("snail") mail, please allow sufficient time for its arrival to the NHBZ office no later than Friday, March 31.

It is customary to offer an honorarium to the Rabbi for this service. If you choose to do so, then payments should be made by cash or by check directly to Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky.

If you have any questions about the process of the sale of chometz, or to schedule an appointment please contact Rabbi Bogopulsky by email (rabbibogopulsky@nhbz.org) or phone (845-642-6758). Please do not wait until the last minute. And, don't forget to sell the Chometz in your business, too!

Date _____

I / We appoint Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky to be my/our agent regarding the sale of CHOMETZ prior to Passover, and subsequent re-purchase after Passover, as necessary. This agency is bound by the dictates of Halacha and all necessary qualifications to ensure that this agency and sales, purchases and rentals enacted thereby meet these requirements and are deemed to be part of this agreement.

Reference is made to the standard SHTAR HARSHA'AH in this regard. Included in this agency is the right to appoint further agents and to rent/sell real and personal property as need be to ensure that the HALACHIC concerns regarding chometz on Passover are met.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

**[CLICK HERE TO
DOWNLOAD FORM](#)**

On-Going Classes

- **Gemara Learning with Rabbi Bogopulsky**, Weekdays, 6:15 am
- **St. Louis Kollel Amud-a-Week**, Mondays, 8:00 pm
- **“Journey through the Chumash” with Rabbi Bogopulsky**, Tuesdays, 12:00 pm **On Hiatus until 4/18**
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 **On Hiatus until 4/19**
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!) **On Hiatus until 4/17**
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**, Sunday-Thursday, after Mincha
Invest a few minutes (right before Ma'ariv!) to expand your understanding of Halacha/Jewish Law.
- **“Soul Building” Series with Rabbi David**, Every Shabbos, 10:00 am (Downstairs)
- **Pre-Mincha Learning with Rabbi Bogopulsky**, Every Shabbos afternoon
- **Mishna Learning with Rabbi Swidler**, Every Sunday morning, after Shachris

NHBZ Office Will Be CLOSED for Pesach

The Shul Office will be CLOSED for Pesach this year. The bookkeeper will work remotely. The administrator will be on vacation. She will respond to emails and other messages as quickly as possible on or after Monday, April 17.

We, the Staff of NHBZ, take this opportunity to thank you for allowing us to serve this congregation and the community at large.

We wish you and your families a Chag Pesach Sameach!



Updating the Mishabayrach Lists

In advance of Pesach, we will be preparing a new Mishabayrach list for the cholim (those who are not well). Even if you've provided a name in the past, please resubmit the information now. We are making a new list.

To request someone's name be added to the prayer list, provide the following:

- Person's English name and Hebrew name (including the mother's Hebrew name, which we use when praying for healing)
- Whether you want the English name read aloud or kept confidential
- Whether you request the name be read for 30 days or indefinitely (we will be revising the list at least every 6 months)
- Name of person making the prayer request

Please use this [form](#) or email the information to the Office (office@nhbz.org) or call 314-991-2100, ext. 2. If you prefer, you may provide the information in confidence to Rabbi Bogopulsky.

It is customary to make a donation when requesting Mishabayrach prayers. Donations can be made through our website (nhbz.org) or by contacting the Office.



THE SISTERHOOD SCOOP

APRIL 1



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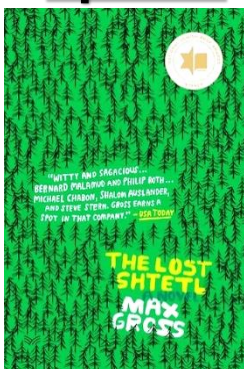
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April 1, 2023

Book Club Meets April 24

The book club discussion of the novel, *The Lost Shtetl*, by Max Gross, originally scheduled for March 27 has been changed to **Monday, April 24**, 7:15-8:45 pm. There is now more time to read this delightful novel and join the group discussion after Passover at the home of Linda Shore. Watch for further details.



☆ **SAVE THESE DATES** ☆ **SAVE THESE DATES** ☆

☆ **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 or sisterhood@nhbz.org



"Mom said this is the only place we're allowed to eat chometz."

Sisterhood wishes each of you, together with your families, a kosher and joyous Passover!

HELP!!!

Husband: "I know you have a lot of work to do getting the house ready for the Seder, what can I do to help?"

Wife: "If you really want to help you can leave the house for the entire day and don't bother me while I try to clean and get everything ready."

Husband: "Fine, I will go and find something to do..." A few hours later husband returns.

Wife: "What are you doing home? I thought we agreed that you would be out the entire day?"

Husband: "You didn't actually expect me to help the whole day did you?"

A PESACH MESSAGE FROM RABBI JONATHAN SACKS ^{Z"l}

The message of Passover remains as powerful as ever. Freedom is won not on the battlefield but in the classroom and the home. Teach your children the history of freedom if you want them never to lose it.

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The Exodus is the inexhaustible source of inspiration to all those who long for freedom. It taught that right was sovereign over might; that freedom and justice must belong to all, not some; and that, under G-d, all human beings are equal. It took many centuries for this vision to become the shared property of the liberal democracies of the West; and there is no guarantee it will remain so. Freedom is a moral achievement, and without a constant effort of education it atrophies and must be fought for again."



Please Join Us For
Father/Son Teen Minyan

SHABBAT, APRIL 1ST

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.



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Holocaust and Heroism **~ in Memoriam ~** **by children of Holocaust Survivors**



Remembering for Tomorrow *Carrying Our Stories Forward*

Date: Tuesday, 4/18/2023

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: NHBZ, Sanctuary

Unfortunately, our members who were survivors, have passed on. It is up to us, their children, to preserve the memory of the Holocaust and Heroism of the Shoah.

The evening will include several short presentations by the survivors' children, as they recall what their parents recounted.

The program is intended as a personal and intimate meeting to pass on the stories as was done with family and friends in past times.

This get-together will run about 1 to 1.5 hours. All are welcome.



Great Jewish Leaders ~ and How You Can Become the Next One

Rabbi Avi Feigenbaum

presents

a three-part series on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

April 19 • April 26 • May 3

NHBZ lower level

This course analyzes our great - but very different - leaders, whose decisions and actual personae had a lasting imprint on our nation.

It focuses on lessons learned from these great leaders and how we can incorporate their struggles, victories and failures into a blueprint for the 21st century.



Moses



Abraham & Sarah



Queen Esther



YOU!

Sunday, April 23rd • 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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Nusach Hari
B'nai Zion

UPDATE
PIZZA NIGHT IS ON
APR 23

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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‘Sharsheret Supports STL’
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**Jewish Genes and
Hereditary Cancer**

*Understand how this impacts
men as well as women*

Shabbos, April 29, 2023

Kiddush Lunch & Learn following morning services

Sharsheret (‘chain’ in Hebrew) represents the connections we build to support Jewish women and their families at every stage of breast or ovarian cancer. Sharsheret educates Jewish women and men about the increased cancer risks they face because of their higher propensity to carry hereditary cancer gene mutations, including, but not limited to, the BRCA mutation, and what this means for future generations and the linkage to cancers beyond breast and ovarian (pancreatic, prostate, male breast, melanoma, uterine, colon, thyroid, and Lynch Syndrome).

Sharsheret Supports STL is the local community partner of the national Sharsheret organization. and a program of Nishmah at the J. It provides opportunities for women and their families that complement the programs and resources available from the national organization. For more information, contact Debbi Braunstein at dbraunstein@jcc.org or 314-442-3266.



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