



# NHBZ Weekly News

## Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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April 15, 2023 • 24 Nisan 5783 • Candle Lighting 7:18 pm • Shabbos Concludes 8:23 pm

Parsha Shemini  
Haftorah

Leviticus 9:1 – 11:47  
II Samuel 6:1 – 19

Chumash pp. 588 – 607  
Chumash pp. 1168 – 1169

### Thanks to our generous sponsors this Shabbos

- **The Szus Family** for Kiddush Lunch as Mazel Tov! to **Eli Szus & Josephine Mairzedeh** on the occasion of their engagement
- **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky** for Shalosh Seudos, in memory of his beloved father, **Yakov Bogopulsky, Yakov Eliezer ben Yehoshua Heshel a"h**, on the occasion of his yahrzeit

## Prayer

### Shabbos, Friday, April 14

- 7:00 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Ma'ariv
- 7:18 pm Candle Lighting

### Shabbos, Saturday, April 15

- 9:00 am Shachris followed by Musaf  
Pesukei D'Zimra:  
Shacharis: **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**  
Leyning: **Stuart Klamen**
- 10:00 am Kids' Program (downstairs)
- 10:00 am "Soul Building" with Rabbi Yosef David-**ON HIATUS FOR PESACH**  
*See you next Shabbos!*
- 6:30 pm Shiur from **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**
- 7:00 pm Mincha, Shalosh Seudos, Ma'ariv
- 8:23 pm Shabbos concludes

Haftorah:  
Sermon: **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**  
Musaf: **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**



### Minyan Times Apr 14 – 21, 2023

|                     | Fri<br>Apr 14 | Shabbos<br>Apr 15 | Sun<br>Apr 16 | Mon<br>Apr 17 | Tues<br>Apr 18 | Wed<br>Apr 19 | Thu<br>Apr 20 | Fri<br>Apr 21 | Shabbos<br>Apr 22 |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Shachris (am)       | 7:00          | 9:00              | 8:00          | 7:00          | 7:00           | 7:00          | 7:00          | 6:45*         | 9:00*             |
| Mincha/Ma'ariv (pm) | 7:00          | 7:00              | 7:00          | 7:00          | 7:00           | 7:00          | 7:00          | 7:00          | 7:05              |

\*Rosh Chodesh

# Congregation News

Mazel Tov on Simchas This Week! Apr 14 – 21, 2023

## Happy Birthday

Craig Berkin      Apr 15  
Sam Shanker      Apr 15



## Coming Events

- Tuesday, April 18, 7:30 pm      – “Holocaust and Heroism – In Memoriam” – See page 3
- Wednesday, 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
- Shabbos, April 29      – Kiddush Lunch and Learn with Sharshert - See Flyer
- **Sunday, April 30**      – Lion’s Den All-You-Can-Eat PIZZA NIGHT

### Lion’s Den All-You-Can-Eat Pizza, Sunday, April 30, 5-7 pm

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

Pizza. Pasta. Salad. Fun.

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

All food under supervision of Rabbi Bogopulsky.



Volunteers needed for April 30th Pizza Night - Please sign up using this link

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

Thank you!!!

## No More Nuts at NHBZ



For the health and safety of our members and guests, NHBZ is now a NUT-FREE food zone! (Eccentric personalities always welcome).

We endeavor to keep any food with nuts as an ingredient out of the building. Please refrain from bringing nut-based foods and snacks into the Shul. And, be sure a Mashgiach or the Rabbi check-in ALL food and drink brought into the synagogue. We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

## **Mishabayrach Lists**

To request someone's name be added to the Mishabayrach list for the cholim (those who are not well), 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](mailto:office@nhbz.org)) or call 314-991-2100, ext. 2. If you prefer, you may provide the information in confidence to Rabbi Bogopulsky.

## **Holocaust and Heroism – In Memoriam, Tuesday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.**

Unfortunately, our members who were survivors have passed on.

It is up to us, their children, to share the stories they shared with us and perpetuate 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 presenters will be Mimi Fiszal, Tobie Dobin, and Dr. Eldad Bialecki. We will also have a special presentation by Dr. Isaac Amon.

The program is intended to be a personal and intimate, friends and family meeting to pass on the stories, just as it has been done in the generations past.

This intimate get-together should run about 1 to 1.5 hours. We look forward to your joining us.

# Learning at NHBZ

## Sedra Shemini

The word Shemini refers to the 8th day. It was the 8th day of the dedication of the Mishkan, the tabernacle, during the second year that our ancestors were in the desert. It should have been a time of great joy. However, tragedy occurred when two sons of Aharon, the Kohen Gadol, offered strange fire on the altar. They were punished and consumed by the fire. One of the reasons given by the Midrash for the death of Nadav and Avihu, the sons of Aharon, is that they entered the sanctuary after drinking wine. The Torah prohibits drinking by the Kohanim when they were "on duty".

The Dubner Magid, Rabbi Jacob ben Wolf Kranz of Dubro - 18th century Russia, explains the specific prohibition of drinking wine in the sanctuary with the following parable: "A baker and a physician, who were both seeking work, meet. The physician suggests that they travel together. The baker declines explaining – where there are sick people who need a physician, there is no market for his pastries... where there are healthy people, with healthy appetites, there is no need for a physician. In the same manner, wine and the sanctuary are opposites. Artificial stimulation of any sort, via wines or drugs, is necessary only when there is something basically wrong. If, however, everything is in order – if a person observes GD's commandments – and leads a proper life, he has no need for artificial stimulants." Nadav and Avihu may have felt that they needed to be stimulated artificially to serve Hashem. The motivation should have come from the heart, not from the strong drink.

What goes into the mouth is important from the health standpoint as well as from the religious view. Orthodoxy considers kashrus not only as a mitzvah, but also as a basic foundation of Judaism. Some of our great rabbis found fascinating moral lessons to be learned from the laws of kashrus. The Klei Yakor, Rabbi Shlomo Ephraim ben Aaron who lived in Czechoslovakia in the 17th century, states – "there are many non-kosher animals who do not chew their cud or do not have split hooves. Why has the pig become the symbol for Jews of all that is disgusting and abhorrent?" The answer is that the single most abominable trait, according to the Torah, is that of hypocrisy. Many animals which are unkosher do not have a cloven hoof, (e.g. - lion, tiger, bear, horse, camel, donkey, monkey, rabbit, squirrel, dog, cat, etc.). The pig has one of the signs of kashrus - a cloven hoof. It is the only animal that appears to be kosher on the outside and, only upon further investigation, is discovered to be non-kosher since it does not chew its cud. Thus, the pig is the symbol of the trait of hypocrisy which we should stay away from. The Ramban, Rabbi Moshe ben Nachman who lived in 13th century Spain, states that there is no general rule given in the Torah as to which fowl are kosher. The Ramban claims "those birds which are violent and cruel are prohibited because of the fear that we will learn from their ways and become violent ourselves".

Thus, the Torah emphasizes how strongly we are swayed by our environment. Just as we should be careful about the food we eat, so too should we be careful in choosing the books we read, the movies we see, the friends we make - avoiding those things which would have a damaging effect on character.

## In the Community

- **JSU 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meat-Up, SAVE THE DATE, Sunday, April 30**

Please join JSU for gourmet BBQ, Sushi, Jon's Secret Meat Rub, Yard Games/Entertainment, the Clydesdales (if available), characters, miniature ponies and more! See flyer for dates and details.

- **Agudas Israel St. Louis Annual Dinner, SAVE THE DATE, Tuesday, May 9**

The Agudas Israel of St. Louis Annual Dinner will be held Tuesday, May 9 at the Ritz-Carlton in Clayton. Please join us as we honor Mr. David and Dr. Daniela Hermelin and celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Rita Bortz. Visit [www.rayze.it/agudastl](http://www.rayze.it/agudastl) to read more about the honorees, make your reservation, and submit your ad for the dinner journal.

## On-Going Classes

- **Gemara Learning with Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**, Weekdays, 6:15 am
- **St. Louis Kollel Amud-a-Week**, Mondays, 8:00 pm
- **“Journey through the Chumash” with Rabbi Chaim 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 Ze’ev 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 Ze’ev 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 Chaim Bogopulsky**, Sunday-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 Yosef David**, Every Shabbos, 10:00 am (downstairs)
- **Pre-Mincha Shiur with Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**, Every Shabbos afternoon, before Mincha
- **Mishna Learning with Rabbi Chanan Swidler**, Every Sunday morning, after Shachris



**ONLY 20 15 SEATS AVAILABLE!**

- Pick-up and drop-off at NHBZ parking lot
- Airconditioned 20 passenger bus
- Gift bag with bottled water and snacks

**\$55/person (based on 20 participants)**

**This repeat performance is back by popular demand!!!**

**Sunday, May 21, 12:30 pm** (Please have lunch before the tour)

Enjoy a guided 4-hour tour of historic Jewish St. Louis with guide **Linda Koenig**.

Learn about the contributions St Louis Jewish residents made to both the Jewish community and the community at large.

A sampling of the itinerary: What is the Jewish connection to Keiner Plaza, the Wainwright Building, Macy's, the Old Courthouse, the 1904 World's Fair, Aloe Plaza, the Old Cathedral, and the Arch grounds? Who was St. Louis, and what was his relationship with the French Jews? What is that big monument across Kingshighway from the Chase? Did you know the Zionist flag first flew in St. Louis? Where and when and why?

We will see former synagogues, the old YMHA and a very historic Jewish cemetery among many other historic Jewish St. Louis sites.

RSVP Today <https://www.nhbz.org/event/the-jewish-st-louis-bus-tour/>





# **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**

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The evening will include several short presentations by the survivors' children – *Mimi Fiszal, Tobie Dobin, and Dr. Eldad Bialecki* – as they recall what their parents recounted. In addition, Dr. Isaac Amon, Director of Academic Research at Jewish Heritage Alliance, will relate the largely unknown story of the Jews of Salonika, Greece.

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 21<sup>st</sup> century.



Moses



Abraham & Sarah



Queen Esther



YOU!





# THE SISTERHOOD SCOOP

## APRIL 15

The Omer Count  
49 Steps in Self Refinement

Volume 6

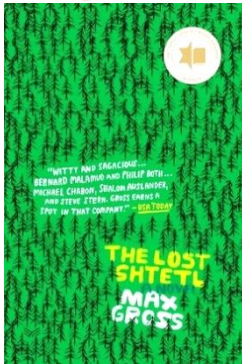
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### Book Club Meets April 24

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!**

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### PARSHAS SHEMINI: Un-Kosher Kindness

This week's Torah portion describes the characteristics of kosher and forbidden animals, fish, and fowl. Nachmanides in his commentary observes that the forbidden fowl are predatory, including the *chasida*, translated as "stork." The literal meaning of *chasida* is "kindly," an appropriate name, says Rashi, because this bird is helpful to its friends, and shares its food with them. In this case, asks the Gerrer Rebbe, since the bird is kindly and sympathetic, then according to Nachmanides it belongs among the kosher instead of the forbidden fowl. The Gerrer drew an interesting moral from this. The *chasida* is helpful to its friends but is indifferent to the plight of birds of another feather. Kindliness toward one's own is not enough. If we differentiate between a friend in need and a stranger in like circumstances, between our kind and another, we are not kindly. Goodness must be indiscriminate – whoever needs help is deserving.

–**Rabbi Zalman Posner**, [www.chabad.org](http://www.chabad.org)

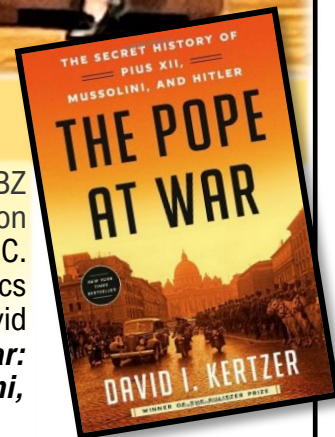
### Sisterhood Book Club News



Author David Kertzer answering questions from Dr. Marie Griffith, director of the John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics

On March 27 several members of the NHBZ Sisterhood Book Club attended a Washington University lecture presented by the John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics featuring Pulitzer Prize-winning author David Kertzer about his new book *The Pope at War: The Secret History of Pius XII, Mussolini, and Hitler*. The lecture, sponsored by the

Michael and Barbara Newmark Institute for Human Relations at JCRC, the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum, and the St. Louis Jewish Book Festival, among others, revealed the myths and falsehoods surrounding the controversial Pope Pius XII and the actions of the Church from 1939 to 1945. In 2019 the Book Club read an earlier book by Kertzer, *The Kidnapping of Edgardo Mortara*, about the Vatican's imprisonment of a Jewish boy in 1858.



### Jewish Legacy Tour of St. Louis

**Sunday, May 21, 12:30 pm**

Enjoy a 4-hour tour of historic Jewish St. Louis with guide Linda Koenig. Sponsored by Sisterhood – **RSVP:**

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### Don't forget to count the Omer!

We count the 49 days (seven weeks) from the Exodus out of Egypt on the first day of Passover to the Revelation at Sinai on Shavuot – each day attempting to refine ourselves a bit more and raise our spiritual sensitivity. When we count the Omer, we recall the excitement of the Israelites as they anticipated the events of Sinai.