



# NHBZ Weekly News

## Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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May 20, 2023 • 29 Iyar 5783 • Candle Lighting 7:51 pm • Shabbos Concludes 8:55 pm

Parsha Bamidbar

Haftarah Shabbas Erev Rosh Chodesh

Numbers 1:1 – 4:20

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Chumash pp. 726 – 747

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## Prayer

### Shabbos, Friday, May 19

- 7:00 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Ma'ariv
- 7:51 pm Candle Lighting

### Shabbos, Saturday, May 20

- 9:00 am Shachris followed by Musaf  
Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**  
Shacharis: **Howard Sandler**  
Leyning: **Stuart Klamen**

Haftarah: **Stuart Klamen**

Sermon: **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**

Musaf: **Menachem Szus**

- 10:00 am Youth Programs (downstairs)
- 10:00 am "Soul Building" with Rabbi Yosef David (downstairs)

This week's topic: "Good Fences Make Good Neighbors: When Are Fences Necessary?"

- 7:00 pm *Shiur* from **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**
- 7:30 pm Mincha, Shalosh Seudos, Ma'ariv
- 8:55 pm Shabbos concludes



### Minyan Times May 19 – May 27, 2023

	Fri May 19	Shabbos May 20	Sun May 21	Mon May 22	Tues May 23	Wed May 24	Thu May 25*	Fri May 26**	Shabbos May 27**
Shachris (am)	7:00	9:00	8:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	9:00	9:00
Mincha/Ma'ariv (pm)	7:00	7:30	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:55	7:45	7:40

\*Erev Shavuot – Candle Lighting 7:56 pm \*\*Shavuot

### Yizkor Service Reminder

Next week is Shavuot. The Yizkor service will take place on Shabbos, May 27 at approximately 10:30 am. May the memory of our loved ones bless our days.

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



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!

## Mazel Tov on Simchas This Week! May 19 – May 27, 2023

### Happy Birthday

Sarah Beth Matt	May 19	Ahuvah Okin	May 25
Jane Kadosh	May 22	Brent Waxman	May 27
Phyllis Silverman	May 23	Bruce Waxman	May 27
Howard Loiterstein	May 24		



### Happy Anniversary

Sanford & Jennifer Cohen	May 24	Allan Swan & Teretha Carter	May 25
Dr. Naftali & Jane Kadosh	May 25	Drs. Jay Pepose & Susan Feigenbaum	May 27

## Coming Events

- This Shabbos, May 20, 9:00 am – Father/Son Teen Minyan (Downstairs)
- This Sunday, May 21 – “A Jewish Legacy Tour of St Louis” **SOLD OUT!**
- Next Thursday, May 25 – Shavuos All-Night Learning, See below for details
- Thursday, June 1, 7:00 pm – “Sliders, Scotch, Cigars & Torah Learning” – Men only
- Shabbos, June 3 – Kiddush in honor of Fran & David Reisler’s Anniversary
- Sunday, June 18, 9:00 am – Father’s Day Pancake Breakfast, SAVE THE DATE



### No Lion’s Den Pizza Night in May

Due to a private event at the Shul, there will not be a Pizza Night this month. Stay tuned for details for our next pizza buffet.

## New Learning Programs at NHBZ

- Kids of all ages invited to attend Shabbos Youth Programming. See the flyer for more information.
- COMING SOON: A weekly study we call “Gateway to Tefillah”, taught by our own **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**. Watch your emails and the Weekly News for details coming soon!

## Shiurim for Shavuos, Thursday, May 25 – May 26, 2023

Stay tuned! More speakers and topics will be announced soon!

### Early-Bird Learning

9:50 pm – 10:50 pm      Menachem Szus, “The 6 and ½ Holy Temples of Jerusalem”

### Overnight Studies

The tradition of Shavuos Overnight Studies continues! We will have plenty of snacks (and caffeine!) and some very interesting classes this year. Please join us!

## Shavuos (1<sup>st</sup> Day) Afternoon Learning, Friday, May 26

6:15 pm – 7:00 pm      Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky, “Insights and Lessons from Megillas Ras”  
7:15 pm – 7:45 pm      Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky, “*Birchas HaTorah*: What, How and Why?”

## NHBZ APRIL 2023 TRIBUTES

### IN MEMORY OF

**Gloria Schramm**

Ed & Helayne Levitt  
Esther Gelb

**Jerome Davis**

Esther Gelb

### IN HONOR OF

**Mimi Fiszal's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Libby Sorkin Routman  
Joni & Bob Kaiser

**Bob Kaiser's "Special" Birthday**

Joe & Lori Ingram

### IN HONOR OF

**Fran Hoffman**

Libby Sorkin Routman  
Marlene Harris

**NHBZ – Thank you for everything!**

Meir Armoza

**Eli Szus & Josephine Mairzadeh's  
Engagement**

Libby Sorkin Routman

**Rhonnie & Stan Goldfader's  
50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

Debbie Gorman & Family

## Learning at NHBZ

### Parsha Bamidbar

In our modern, materialistic society, people tend to focus on their personal needs and overlook the ethical and spiritual values espoused by our Torah. Even our seemingly isolated world of Orthodox Jewry is deeply influenced by this cultural malaise and is finally recognizing and addressing various issues that affect our daily lives.

Specifically, the plight of our "children at risk" has finally been given the prominence it deserves. *Baruch Hashem*, there are laymen and professionals working together to address the problems afflicting our youth. Perhaps we then ought to realize that it is not only our children, but also we, the parents, who are at risk. We need to work together, young and old, to protect ourselves, ensure our spiritual well-being, and maintain the sense of family, which is so critical to Yahadut.

In this week's Torah reading, Hashem asks for another census of the Jewish people, thereby reiterating His love for us as a nation and as individuals. Toward the end of this census, we are reintroduced to the family of Aharon Hakohen and mention is again made to the tragic deaths of his two sons, Nadav and Avihu. The Torah repeats that they died for offering unauthorized sacrifices. This episode is mentioned twice earlier in Sefer Vayikra, and is mentioned again later in Sefer Bamidbar. Here, however, the Torah adds a detail: "They had no children." Chazal tell us that this is why they were killed. But how can that be? Is not having children sufficient reason for such a horrible death? The Chatam Sofer clarifies that their not having children was not the cause of their punishment, but rather the reason why they were not saved from punishment. After their sin, they lacked this potential *zechus* - the merit of children. Had Nadav and Avihu raised G-d-fearing children, they would have been saved from the wrath of Hashem.

It is vital for us to acknowledge that by raising G-d-fearing, loving children we enhance our own lives and the lives of those around us. Our children have the potential to be moral champions and spiritual role models to old and young alike. Often, children who are steeped in the study of Torah and *gemilut chasadim*, cause their parents and siblings to reevaluate their own lives, and to be drawn closer to the path of Torah and mitzvos. In sending our children to study Torah here or in Eretz Yisrael, we encourage our children's religious growth, which many times reverberates back to us as well.

We are approaching the chag of Shavuot and the reaffirmation of *kabbalas ol* ha'Torah. We recall Maamad Har Sinai, where we all stood united as one nation, young and old, parent and child. May we have the *zechus* to raise children who are spiritual and ethical role models, and may they be a *zechus* for us, as parents, in the eyes of Hakadosh Baruch Hu.

**Helen Spirn**

*Hebrew Academy of Long Beach in Long Beach, New York*

## 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=tw7IIOVumZ8QelPxHvApYZsox8VUem.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

## In the Community

- **Blood Drive in honor of Arianna “Ari” Dougan**, May 21, 10 am – 3 pm  
Annual blood drive in honor of Arianna “Ari” Dougan at Congregation Shaare Emeth (Simcha Room), 11645 Ladue Road, Creve Coeur, MO 63141. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter AriDougan to schedule an appointment.
- **Crown Center Discussion Series with Rabbi Ze’ev Smason, Emeritus**, May 22  
“Living Your Best Life: Ways to Jewish Wisdom”. The discussion focus for May is “Seek the Ultimate Happiness.” Please join the discussion, Monday, May 22 at Noon in the Crown Library, 8350 Delcrest Drive.
- **Missouri Torah Institute’s 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner**, June 4  
Join MTI in honoring Menashe & Liba Brown and Naftali & Ditzia Friedman at the MTI 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner, Sunday June 4 at 5:45pm. Visit [www.missouritorah.org/dinner](http://www.missouritorah.org/dinner) to RSVP or place an ad.
- **Epstein Hebrew Academy’s 80<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration**, June 7  
Join EHA on Wednesday, June 7, for a delicious dinner and immersive stroll through the rich history of eight decades of Epstein Hebrew Academy. Celebrate our bright future and the contributions of our honorees Jessie & Daniel Lefton, and Torah Educator Awardee Rabbi Jonathan Fruchter. To book your seats and sponsorship opportunities, go to [www.eha.org](http://www.eha.org).
- **Young Israel of St. Louis Annual Dinner**, June 13  
The Young Israel of St. Louis Annual Dinner will take place on Tuesday, June 13 at the Clayton Plaza Hotel. To RSVP and place an ad in the Tribute Dinner Journal, please use this link  
<http://youngisrael-stl.org/2023/dinner>





# THE SISTERHOOD SCOOP

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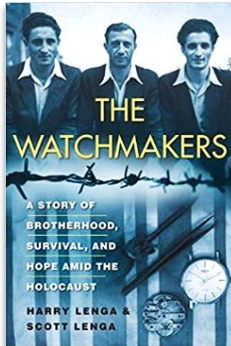
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### Don't Miss the Next Book Club Meeting – **This Monday, May 22**

NHBZ Book Club is reading *The Watchmakers: A Story of Brotherhood, Survival, and Hope Amid the Holocaust*, by Harry Lenga and Scott Lenga. The book will be discussed this **Monday, May 22, 7:15-8:45 PM** at the home of **Devy Goldenberg**. To RSVP and get directions, Call Devy at



636-530-9938, or email: [dvlg1337@aol.com](mailto:dvlg1337@aol.com).

This compelling, true story by Harry Lenga<sup>TM</sup>, as told through his son Scott, will be of particular interest to the members of NHBZ where Harry, his brother Morris, and their families attended shul. **All women are welcome!**

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

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

★ **September 11** – *One Hundred Saturdays: Stella Levi and the Search for a Lost World*, by Michael Frank; Location: TBA

★ **November 13** – *The Company I Keep: My Life in Beauty*, by Leonard Lauder; Location: TBA

**To RSVP or for directions or more info** – 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)

[G-d told Moses,] "Take a census of all the congregation of the Israelites by families." Num 1:2

...The strife and breakdown of communication from which the world suffers stem from selfishness. In contrast, the Torah commands us to love our neighbors as ourselves. The primary setting in which this commandment is fulfilled is that of our families. Inasmuch as loving our fellow Jew is an expression of our love of G-d, loving our fellow Jew enhances our love of G-d. Love of G-d, in turn, brings us to love His Torah and study it – not merely out of our obligation to do so, but out of love. This threefold love of our fellow Jew, of G-d, and of the Torah ripples outward from the family setting and affects the entire world for the better. –adapted from Moshe Wisniefsky, Chabad.org

## Jewish Legacy Tour of St. Louis

### Sunday, May 21

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

**Sold Out!**

Thank you to all who have signed up!  
Tour departs from NHBZ parking lot  
**this Sunday, May 21 – at 12:30pm**  
(Please have lunch before the tour)



## BAMIDBAR: *Total Harmony*

Parshat Bamidbar begins with a census of the Jewish people. We might think this "reduces everyone to a number." But actually, the census teaches that every Jew is important. The Kabbalists point out that just as 600,000 Jewish souls stood at Mount Sinai, so too there are 600,000 letters in the Torah (including the white spaces between letters). And just as a Torah scroll is invalid if even a single letter is missing, so too the Jewish people need everyone working together.

Yet if every Jew is so important, why does this week's parsha go on to describe the special role for the tribe of Levi? Isn't that discriminatory? Just by virtue of birth, is a Levite inherently "better" than a non-Levite?

In truth, everyone is equally important. Sure, some people are born smarter, and some with more talent in one area or another. But that doesn't make that person any "better."

The key to living in harmony is that everyone fulfills his/her own capability and is accepting of others as equally valuable.

The story is told of the great sage of Jerusalem, Rabbi Shlomo Zalman Auerbach. One evening he asked his congregation to wait to begin prayers until the street sweeper had arrived. Rabbi Auerbach explained: "This man is totally devoted to beautifying the streets of Jerusalem. I only wish that my own work would be performed with such pure intentions!"

So, before we look down on another person, let's remember that every human being has an important contribution to make. And in life, the only thing we truly earn is our own good name.

–by Rabbi Shraga Simmons, [www.aish.com](http://www.aish.com)



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

# ***Shabbat, May 20th***

**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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# Youth Programs for Shabbos Mornings

## WHEN?

Every Shabbos Morning,  
beginning Saturday, May 13  
10:00-11:30 AM

## WHERE?

Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Congregation,  
650 North Price Road, Olivette

## WHO?

- ☆ Kids ages 3-6
- ☆ Kids ages 7-12
- ☆ Teens ages 13+

## WHAT?

Learning... davening...  
games... fun!



Join Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky  
and NHBZ families for a  
unique Shabbos experience.  
Open to all ages, no charge







# NHBZ Men's Learning

**SLIDERS, SCOTCH, CIGARS & TORAH**

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## Sliders, Scotch, Cigars and Torah Learning

Outside on the NHBZ Patio

650 N. Price Road

# Thursday, June 1st

Please Join us for minyan at  
6:30 - Program at 7:00 PM

Kosher Food under the supervision of Rabbi Bogopulsky.



Sponsors in any amount are welcome.

Please contact the office

**314-991-2100 or [office@nhbz.org](mailto:office@nhbz.org)**

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