



NHBZ Weekly News

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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June 3, 2023 • 14 Sivan 5783 • Candle Lighting 8:02 pm • Shabbos Concludes 9:06 pm

Parsha Nasso
Haftorah Nasso

Numbers 4:21 – 7:89
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Chumash pp. 748 – 773
Chumash pp. 1181 – 1182

NHBZ extends a special warm welcome to **Rabbi Shmuel Miller**, Head of School of the Epstein Hebrew Academy. Rabbi Miller will deliver today's sermon, "No Messing Around!"

Mazal Tov to EHA on your 80th Year celebration!
Thank you for providing Jewish Education, 80 years strong!

Thanks to our generous sponsors this Shabbos

- Kiddush lunch in celebration of **Fran & David Reisler's** 62nd Wedding Anniversary, sponsored by their children
- **Rachael Pevnick** enhances the kiddush with fresh fruit in honor of the birth of her new great-granddaughter, **Rhea Teddi Goldenberg**, daughter of **Barry & Ashley Goldenberg**, granddaughter of **Stan & Andrea Goldenberg**

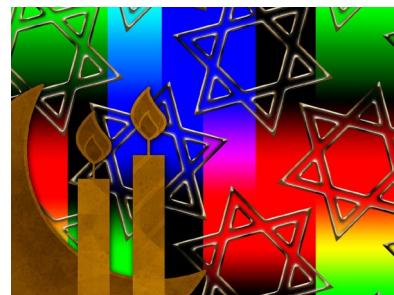
Prayer

Shabbos, Friday, June 2

- 6:30 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Ma'ariv
- 8:02 pm Candle Lighting

Shabbos, Saturday, June 3

- 9:00 am Shachris followed by Musaf
Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
Shacharis: **Mateo John**
Leyning: **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**
- 10:00 am Youth Programs (downstairs)
- 10:00 am "Soul Building" with **Rabbi Yosef David** (downstairs)
Today's Topic: "TBA"
- 7:10 pm *Shiur* from **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**
- 7:40 pm Mincha, Shalosh Seudos, Ma'ariv
- 9:06 pm Shabbos concludes



Haftorah: **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**
Sermon: **Rabbi Shmuel Miller**
Musaf: **Ronnie Reisler**

Minyan Times June 2 – June 10, 2023

	Fri June 2	Shabbos June 3	Sun June 4	Mon June 5	Tues June 6	Wed June 7	Thu June 8	Fri June 9	Shabbos June 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)	6:30	7:40	6:30	6:30	6:30	6:30	6:30	6:30	7:45

Congregation News

Mazel Tov on Simchas This Week! June 3 – June 9, 2023

Happy Birthday

Julie Friedman	Jun 3	Larry Goldenberg	Jun 5
Rafi Yishai Zev Minoff	Jun 3	Rebecca Waxman	Jun 5
Joyce Hochberg	Jun 4	Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky	Jun 6
Noah Belau-Rush	Jun 5	Gia Shifren	Jun 8

Happy Anniversary

Don & Julie Eisenberg	Jun 3	David & Fran Reisler	Jun 8
Kerry & Sandy Klarfeld	Jun 5	Hesh & Marcia Lyons	Jun 9



Coming Events

- This Shabbos, June 3 – Kiddush lunch in honor of David & Fran Reisler's 62nd Wedding Anniversary
- Shabbos, June 10 – Kiddush lunch in honor of Bruce & Faith Waxman's Wedding Anniversary
- Shabbos, June 17 – Kiddush lunch sponsored by Les & Sari Neudorf
- Sunday, June 18, 9:00 am – Father's Day Pancake Breakfast, See flyer for details
- Shabbos, June 24 – Kiddush lunch in honor of Alan & Vivian Zarkowsky's Wedding Anniversary
- Sunday, June 25, 5–7 pm – Lion's Den PIZZA NIGHT

Gateway to Tefilla: Making Davening Meaningful, First Class, June 14, After Ma'ariv



Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky will help us deepen our comprehension of our prayers, the meaning and significance of the words we say. With a better understanding, we get closer to HaShem. Mark your calendars to join us on this sacred journey. All levels of knowledge encouraged to attend. Wednesday evenings, at 7:00 pm. (Class will begin after Mincha/Ma'ariv at 6:30pm. Please make every effort to join the Minyan! And, stay for the class.)

A Message from Our President

I hope everyone had a wonderful and meaningful Shavuot!

Between this year's "Early Bird" learning, this year's "Overnight Learning", lively round table discussions, and Shavuot Day classes, there was something for everyone!

Special thanks to **Menachem Szus** and **Stuart Klamen** for preparing and leading terrific Early Bird learning sessions; thanks to **Rabbi Avi Feigenbaum** for a 2-hour talk with his usual upbeat, informative, and inspirational delivery. Thanks to **Rabbi Yerucham List** for also speaking during the overnight learning hours. Thank you to **Bob & Joni Kaiser** for providing some greatly appreciated (and yummy!) snacks throughout the night; thanks to **Boris Yasinev** for arranging early morning minyan and for motivating people to attend; and last but certainly not least, thank you to our very own **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky** for leading a session about the Book of Ruth on Shavuot afternoon and to **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason** for leading class downstairs on Shabbos / Second day Yom Tov.

What a great Chag we had this year at Nusach Hari B'nai Zion! Looking forward to seeing all of you on Shabbos.

~ Kenneth P. Bressler

Learning at NHBZ

Parsha Nasso

Parshas Naso concludes on a high note, with the dedication of the altar in the Tabernacle and a detailed description of the offerings brought by the princes of the tribes of Israel. It is then followed by the parsha of Beha'alo'secha which begins with the maintenance of the Tabernacle's menorah. What is the reason for this juxtaposition?

Rashi explains: When Aharon saw the dedication of the princes, he was filled with anguish, since both he and his tribe, the Levites, had been excluded from bringing offerings. Hashem, however, said to him, "By your life, yours is greater than theirs, for you shall kindle the menorah."

The Ramban is disturbed by Rashi's interpretation. Why is servicing the menorah compensation for missing out on the dedication of the altar? Furthermore, the Torah is careful to itemize the gifts of each of the princes. But why? The offerings of each one was identical to that of the next. Why didn't the Torah simply summarize and state that each one brought the following gift?

Rav Solomon Breuer, z"l, offers a meaningful interpretation. The Torah purposefully repeats each of the princes' offerings to teach a fundamental lesson that twelve different men may offer the very same gift to Hashem, yet each gift carries its own weight. "Judge the donor according to the gift and the gift according to the donor." The spirit and joy with which a gift is given determines its real value. Twelve princes can bring the same offering and each bears its own significance to Hashem. The Torah, in reiterating each offering, teaches us that at that moment their hearts, thoughts and spirit were united with a solemn vow, to place all their possessions in the service of Hashem and His causes.

Regrettably, such feeling does not always find its way into our practice. Thus, according to Rashi, Hashem reassures Aharon, "Your task of kindling the menorah is greater than theirs." The Midrash notes, "You are chosen for greater tasks. Sacrifices are offered only as long as the Sanctuary stands, but the lights of the menorah are forever."

The light of the menorah represents the light of Torah. Aharon's daily maintenance of the menorah served to keep the focus of all the service in the Tabernacle on Hashem above, on fealty to His word and to His law. I would also make a connection between Parshas Nasso, which is the largest parsha in the Torah, comprising 176 verses, and the 119th chapter of Tehillim, which also contains 176 verses and is the longest in Tehillim. The psalm carries the distinct title, "Torah, the Way of Life."

It is the light of Torah which gives real purpose to our lives. Offerings and gifts may be of great significance, but the essence of our lives remains best expressed by Dovid Hamelech, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

Rabbi Gans

Congregation Machane Chodosh, Forest Hills, NY.

An Interview with Rabbi Ze'ev Smason, Emeritus

Rabbi Ze'ev Smason, Emeritus was interviewed for Will Jackson's podcast, "Conversations About Life." The hour-long conversation touches on topics such as the differences between Torah Judaism and Christianity. Sound intriguing and insightful? It is BOTH! Interested listeners can find the full interview at <https://willjackson.com/orthodox-judaism-w-rabbi-zeev-smason/>.

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!
- **“Gateway to Tefilla” with Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**, Wednesdays, after Mincha/Ma’ariv
Deepen your understanding of the prayers we say.
- **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=tw7IIOVumZ8QeIPxHvApYZsox8VUem.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

The Body, Soul and the Afterlife, A homegroup discussion led by Rabbi Ze’ev Smason

We are thrilled to announce a special series of classes! **Don & Julie Eisenberg** invite you to their home at 7:15 pm on the following Monday evenings in June and July for homegroup discussions led by **Rabbi Ze’ev Smason, Emeritus**.

- June 12 Do You Believe There Is A Soul?
- June 26 Life After Life: What Happens After We Die?
- July 10 Resurrection and Reincarnation: Jewish Concepts?
- July 24 Dreams: Messages From Afar?

Address and directions provided when you RSVP! Stay tuned for details.

In the Community

- **Missouri Torah Institute’s 16th Annual Dinner, June 4**
Join MTI in honoring Menashe & Liba Brown and Naftali & Ditzia Friedman at the MTI 16th Annual Dinner, Sunday June 4 at 5:45pm. Visit www.missouritorah.org/dinner
- **Epstein Hebrew Academy’s 80th 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.
- **Kiddush (at YI) to honor Judy & Neil Weintraub, June 10**
Life-long community members (and former longtime NHBZ members) Judy & Neil Weintraub are moving to Chicago. We join the greater community in wishing them a heavy-hearted farewell. May they move from strength to strength and Tzeischem L’Shalom!
- **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>



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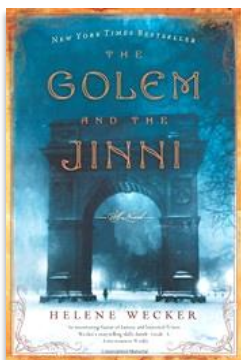
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NHBZ Book Club Warms Up for Summer Reading!

Book Club's next book is *The Golem and the Jinni: A Novel*, by Helene Wecker. The book will be discussed on **Monday, July 31, 7:15-8:45 PM** at the home of **Sharon Summers**. Combining the genre of historical fiction with elements of fantasy, this inventive and delightful novel tells the story of two displaced magical creatures in 19th century New York City.



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

★ **September 11 – One Hundred Saturdays:**

Stella Levi and the Search for a Lost World, by Michael Frank at the home of Sallie Volotzky

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

All women are welcome! For more information call **Fran Alper** at 314-993-4024

or email fran.alper@outlook.com or sisterhood@nhbz.org

This Date in History

15 Sivan (this year on Sun., June 4) is the traditional date of the birth and the death of Judah (1564-1445 BCE), the fourth son of Jacob and Leah. Judah means "to admit" -- as to admit a mistake, or to acknowledge in gratitude -- and is the source of the English word, Jew. When Joseph was thrown into the pit, it was Judah who saved Joseph's life by suggesting his sale to a passing caravan. As atonement for not rescuing Joseph completely, Judah later offered his own life in place of Benjamin. At the end of Jacob's life, Judah was given the blessing of kingship, and indeed King David, King Solomon, and the future Messiah all descend from the tribe of Judah.

NASO: *Cutting Your Losses Brings Greatness*

In this week's Torah portion, G-d said to Moses to: *"Command the children of Israel that they shall expel from the camp everyone with tzara'as..."*

G-d instructed all the Jews that if someone has tzara'as - which is defined as leprosy or skin contamination - then he needs to temporarily live away from everyone else.

In order to understand why this was done, it's first important to know exactly what caused someone to be afflicted with tzara'as. This skin ailment appeared on those people who gossiped about someone else. When the Jews lived in Israel during the times we had the Holy Temple, when someone slandered another person, he could be afflicted with this ailment.

Perhaps the reason he needed to be segregated from everyone else comes down to this: Human beings really don't like taking responsibility for their errant actions. Let me explain. No one wants to be thought of as a bad person or one who wrongs others. So in an effort to avoid this, most people simply choose to rationalize their behavior to demonstrate that they were completely justified in what they did. Our reasoning tends to boil down to this: Yes, I did it, but it's definitely not what it seems.

Maybe this is why G-d wants the person not to live amongst other Jews until his tzara'as goes away. It was done to prevent this person from committing additional sins by repeating his gossip in an effort to show why it wasn't really gossip in the first place.

And this is the lesson for all of us. We all have the temptation at times to try to explain away our errant behavior. The next time you do something to someone else that you really shouldn't have done, try to resist the urge to make everyone believe that you really didn't do anything wrong. Instead, take personal responsibility for what you did. This will not only make you feel great but will also act as a powerful shield against compounding your initial mistake.

– from **Adam Lieberman**, www.aish.com

Jewish Legacy Tour of St. Louis



A view *inside* the bus on May 21 as NHBZ members & friends visited historic St. Louis Jewish sites.





FATHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Treat your dad and the whole family
to a special morning!

Sunday, June 18, 2023 9:00 am

Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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Please email the office if you would like to
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