## Nusach Hari B'naiZion

# NHBZ Weekly News

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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August 26, 2023 • 9 Elul 5783 • Candle Lighting 7:23 pm • Shabbos Concludes 8:25 pm

Parshas Ki Seitzei Haftorah Ki Seitzei Deuteronomy 21:10 – 25:19 Isaiah 54:1 – 54:10 Chumash pp. 1046 – 1067 Chumash p. 1201

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## Prayer

#### Shabbos, Friday, August 25

- 6:00 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Ma'ariv
- 7:23 pm Candle Lighting

#### Shabbos, Saturday, August 26

- 9:00 am Shachris followed by Musaf
  - Pesukei D'Zimra: Howard Sandler
  - Shacharis: Stuart Klamen
  - Leyning: Stuart Klamen
- 10:00 11:30 am Youth Programming (downstairs)
- 10:00 10:45 am Soul Building with Rabbi Yosef David (downstairs)

Today's topic: **"Turning Apathy And Indifference Into Passionate Enthusiasm"** 7:05 pm Mincha, Shalosh Seudos, Ma'ariv

8:25 pm Shabbos concludes

#### <u> Minyan Times Aug 25 – Sep 2, 2023</u>

	Fri Aug 25	Shabbos Aug 26	Sun Aug 27	Mon Aug 28	Tues Aug 29	Wed Aug 30	Thu Aug 31	Fri Sep 1	Shabbos Sep 2
Shachris (am)	7:00	9:00	8:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	9:00
Mincha/Ma'ariv (pm)	6:00	7:05	7:20	7:20	7:15	7:15	7:15	7:00	7:00

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

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

Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky • Rabbi Aaron Borow, Emeritus • Rabbi Ze'ev Smason, Emeritus • Kenneth Bressler, President Nusach Hari B'nai Zion • 650 N. Price Rd. St. Louis, MO 63132 • Phone 314.991.2100 • Web: <u>www.nhbz.org</u>



Haftorah: **TBD** Sermon: **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky** Musaf: **Eli Szus** 

## **Congregation News**

#### Mazel Tov on Simchas This Week! Aug 26 - Sep 1, 2023

#### **Happy Birthday**

Daniel Shanker Aug 30 Norma Rubin Sep 1



#### **Events**

#### **Coming Soon**

- Friday, Aug 25, 7:30 pm
- Shabbos, Aug 26, 9:00 am
- Friday, Sep 1, 5:00 pm
- Friday, Sep 8, 12:00 pm
- Shabbos, Sep 9, 9:00 am
- Motzei Shabbos, Oct 7

- Ignite YP Shabbos Dinner at NHBZ
- Father/Son Teen Minyan with **Rabbi Bogopulsky**
- Members' High Holiday Reserved Seating Requests Due
- Yizkor Book Updates and Lulav/Esrog Orders Due
- Father/Son Teen Minyan with Rabbi Bogopulsky
- Simchas Torah Seudah details coming soon

#### Project "Information Update" Needs YOU

If you have not yet responded to our request to update your information, the time is NOW. Only about 35% of our membership has replied. We need the information to create an updated member directory (not to mention that we want to celebrate your birthdays and anniversaries!). Wait no longer! Please mail, email or call the Office with your updated member information. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### Yizkor Book of Remembrance 2023/5784

Please review your entries <u>here</u>, then use <u>this form</u> to let us know of any changes or if "same as last year." We request a \$10 donation for each name listed (or group of names such as "and family") in the Book of Remembrance, and an additional \$36 donation for each Name Read Aloud during Yizkor. The Book of Remembrance is used on Yizkor throughout the year for Yom Kippur, Shemini Atzeres, Passover and Shavuos. **Deadline for updates is Friday, September 8** 

#### Lulav & Esrog Sets -- Order yours today.

It is time to place your orders for Lulav & Esrog sets. Please use <u>this link</u> to place your orders, or you may email your orders to the Office at <u>office@nhbz.org</u>, or call 314-991-2100. Be sure to leave your name, call back phone number and your order. Prices are as follows:

- Basic Lulav & Esrog set \$50
- Deluxe Lulav & Esrog set \$75
- Standard Lulav & Esrog set \$65
- Premium Lulav & Esrog set \$90

\*All orders must be received <u>and paid for</u> on or before Friday, Sept. 8, 2023 No exceptions, as order will be placed Monday morning, Sept. 11, 2023

#### Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky's Weekly Classes Resume

And...we're back! Join **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky** on a "Journey through the Chumash", Tuesdays at Noon and for "Gateway to Tefilla," Wednesdays after Mincha/Ma'ariv. Thank you, Rabbi, for these inspiring courses!



The Holidays are Coming...The Holidays are Coming...The Holidays are Coming...



NHBZ's High Holiday Newsletter is coming soon. Watch for your newsletter & these <u>deadlines</u>:

- Submit your Sisterhood New Year Greeting by <u>August 28</u>
- Reserve you HH seat by September 1
- Submit names for Yizkor Book by September 8
- Order lulav & esrog by September 8
- Begin your Holiday Preparations NOW!

## In the Community

#### Jewish Community Employment

Are you looking for a new job? Want to find your next employment opportunity? **Rabbi Daniel Sentell**, Coordinator, Jewish Community Employment at Goodwill is available to help! You may reach him at 314-646-2257 or email dsentell@mersgoodwill.org.

#### • Free Hebrew Reading Crash Course, Starts Wednesday, Aug. 23 at 7:00 pm

Aish St. Louis offers a free Hebrew Reading Crash Course. Learn to read Hebrew in 6 easy lessons! First class is Wednesday, August 23 at 7:00 pm at the Aish Firehouse, 357 N. Woods Mill Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017. **Reservations required.** See flyer, page 5.

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## Learning at NHBZ

#### <u>Parasha Ki Seitzei</u>

In reference to war, the Torah emphasizes the word *machaneh*, camp. The Torah commands, "When you go out to encamp against your enemies, you shall guard against anything evil…for Hashem, your G-d, walks in the midst of your camp to rescue you and to deliver your enemies before you so that your camp shall be holy.

Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, *zt*"l, distinguishes between *machaneh*, camp, and *eidah*, congregation. Camp and congregation are two distinct sociological phenomena. A camp is formed in the face of a common enemy, wo engenders fear and creates the need for self-defense. "When you go out to encamp against your enemies" – the camp is established when people feel helpless and must join together to battle the enemy. An *eidah*, a congregation, on the other hand, shares a common ideology, and is nourished by love rather than fear. A congregation expresses man's powerful spirit. In a Jewish context, the *eidah* is grounded in the teachings of Sinai, a holy nation committed to a Divine destiny. In order for the nation of Israel to fulfill its Divine mission and destiny, "your camp shall become holy." This *machaneh*, this camp, must develop into an *eidah*. It must become holy.

It is this notion of encampment that unites the beginning of our parshah, "When you will go out to war against your enemies," with its conclusion, "Remember what Amalek did to you.... Wipe out the memory of Amalek from under the heavens – do not forget." Throughout our history we have united as a camp agains our enemies, the Amalekites of the world. But too often we have failed to advance from there to become a hoy congregation. No doubt our unity in the face of Amalek is part of our destiny. But, as the Rav defined it, it is a destiny of fate not a destiny of faith – not the destiny of an *eidah*.

Even when *eidah* overtakes *machaneh*, it is possible for that congregation to maintain a negative ideology, such as the Spies and the followers of Korach. Though formed for ill purposes, the Torah nonetheless refers to each of these groups as an *eidah*. We must be vigilant to ensure that our *eidah* is a holy *eidah*, with a divine ideology, not one filled with the evil that destroys us.

The Jewish community is concerned with the crisis of Jewish continuity. The solution is to unite not only as a *machaneh* but as an *eidah*, a holy congregation committed to the destiny of faith – a faith rooted in Torah and *mitzvos*. Such a covenant stems not from fear but from love, the love of G-d and the Jewish people.

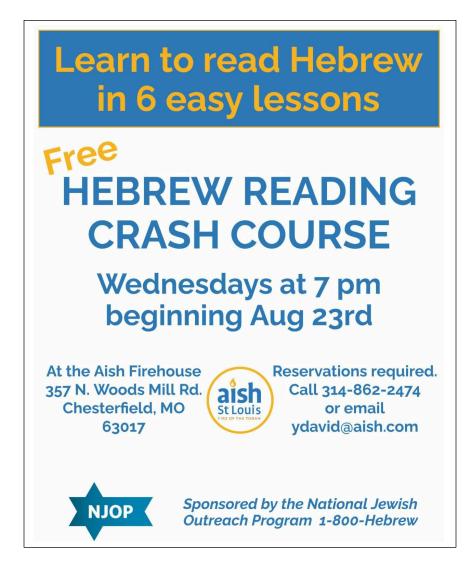
Rabbi Bert Leff

#### Mystical Dimensions of the High Holidays with Rabbi Emeritus Ze'ev Smason

As anticipated, the Home Group Discussion Series with **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason** at the home of **Don & Julie Eisenberg** is **SOLD OUT**. Please join the waitlist <u>here</u>, we will notify you if seats open. Thank you for your enthusiasm!

#### **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: <u>https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78974795850?pwd=tw7IIOVumZ8QeIPxHvApYZsox8VUem.1</u>
- **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, Shabbos morning, 10:00 am
- Pre-Mincha Shiur with Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky, Every Shabbos afternoon
- Mishna Learning with Rabbi Chanan Swidler, Every Sunday morning, after Shachris





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#### <u>Time is Running Out!</u> **Everyone is Invited to participate** in Sisterhood's New Year Greetings Fundraiser for 5784 $\bigcirc$ **NHBZ Sisterhood** wishes you Health, Happiness & Prosperity in the New Year...

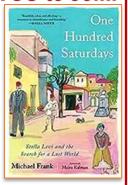
...and invites you to wish L'Shana Tova *Tikatevu* to everyone in our NHBZ family!

Send your donation (\$10 min / NO max) to NHBZ Sisterhood and your name will be published in the 5784 Rosh Hashanah Bulletin! See flyer for details.

"Forgiveness does not mean forgetting, nor does it mean abandoning the claims of justice. It does mean, however, an acknowledgement that the past is past and must not be allowed to cast its shadow over the future. Forgiveness heals moral wounds the way the body heals physical wounds."- Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks Z"L

#### Book Club Invites YOU to Join!

The next book selection is One Hundred Saturdays: Stella Levi and the Search for a Lost World, by Michael Frank. One of Wall Street Journal's Ten Best Books of the Year, this remarkable story of 99-old Stella Levi whose conversations with the author over the course of six years bring to life her



resilience, wisdom, and ability to survive. The discussion of the book will be Mon, Sept. 11, 7:15-8:45pm at the home of Sallie Volotzky.

The final book selection for 2023 will be The Company I Keep: My Life in Beauty, by Leonard Lauder and the discussion will be on Monday, November 13 at the home of Myra Radinsky.

For more info call Fran Alper at 314-993-4024 or fran.alper@outlook.com or sisterhood@nhbz.org

### PARSHAS KI SEITZEI: The Neighborhood

The name of the Parshah, "Ki Seitzei," means "when you go out," and it is found in Deuteronomy 21:10. Ki Seitzei contains seventy-four of the Torah's 613 commandments (mitzvot) and concludes with the obligation to remember "what Amalek did to you on the road, on your way out of Egypt."

The attack of the nation of Amalek took place within a few days of the Exodus from Egypt and the Crossing of the Sea. One would think that no one would have the nerve to ambush a nation who so clearly was G-d's favorite and the beneficiary of His Divine Providence. The Midrash compares Amalek to a man who jumped into a boiling bathtub that all others were afraid to enter for fear of being scalded by the hot water. After he climbed out of the tub - although he was burned - others saw the waters as "cooled off" and also attempted to harm the Jews.

The question is obvious. If this rebellious soul suffered the burns that the onlookers feared why did the spectators become more confident and brazen? Shouldn't the defeat of Amalek have discouraged the other nations?

Sifte Hakhamim explain a deep psychological principle. Actions that are morally offensive are subconsciously removed from the realm of possibility. This inner alarm system protects an individual from spiritually harmful acts. When one sees another break the fence the psychological barrier is broken. The bath - although still boiling cooled off in the onlookers perspective.

When our people left Egypt and Crossed the Sea "The nations heard and trembled" [Shemot 15:14]. No country would dare attack the seemingly invincible Jews. Amalek disregarded the warning signs and paid the price of military defeat. The damage, however, was done. The unthinkable was now possible.

We live in a society where the unthinkable is now commonplace. The news is filled with acts of immorality, vulgarity and shameless behavior that our Holy Torah classifies as abominations. Unfortunately we are unwilling onlookers and cannot escape the effects of all that we see and hear. The images and sounds that bombard us daily are breaking the fences that protect us from perversion and sin. Living in a bad "neighborhood" affects all the residents good and bad alike.

In these days of Elul we have an opportunity for soul searching and the rebuilding of our moral barriers so that our holy souls can remain clean and pure -safe from the contamination of contemporary society. A study of our books of ethics and an audit of our personal morality books will help us survive this technological onslaught and bring us to sucessful judgment on Rosh Hashannah. May we all be successful in our efforts to return to the service of Hashem.

- from Rabbi Raymond Beyda, www.torah.org



The NHBZ Sisterhood wishes you Health, Happiness & Prosperity in the New Year...

## ...and invites you to wish L'Shana Tova Tikatevu to everyone in our NHBZ family!

Make your check payable to **NHBZ** – write 'Sisterhood Greeting' on the memo line – suggested minimum donation is \$10 per name – no maximum!

Names will be published in the 5784 Rosh Hashanah Bulletin Deadline approaching.

Send your contribution, along with the form below, by August 28 to:

> **NHBZ Sisterhood** 650 North Price Road St. Louis, MO 63132

or email your greeting information directly to bookkeeper@nhbz.org or visit the website www.nhbz.org to make a payment

FOR QUESTIONS, CALL THE NHBZ OFFICE, 314-991-2100, EXT.3, OR EMAIL: sisterhood@nhbz.org

#### NHBZ SISTERHOOD NEW YEAR GREETING ~ FOR ROSH HASHANAH 5784 BULLETIN

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Wishing you a Good and Sweet Year!

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# SHABBAT, AUG 26TH

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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