

# Shabbos and Yom Tov Edition



## NHBZ Weekly News

*Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion*  
Affiliated with Union of Orthodox Congregations of America

**Shabbos - September 30, 2023 • 15 Tishrei 5784**

Shabbos Candle Lighting 6:29 pm • Yom Tov Candle Lighting (Sat) Not Before 7:31 pm

\*See page two for Sukkot Torah Portions

## Prayer

### Friday, September 29, Erev Sukkot

- 6:30 pm Mincha, Ma'ariv
- 6:29 pm Candle Lighting

### Shabbos, September 30, Sukkot (Day 1)

- 9:00 am Shachris followed by Musaf
  - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Mateo John**
  - Shacharis: **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**
  - Leyning: **Stuart Klamen**
  - Haftorah: **Dr. Naftali Kadosh**
  - Sermon: **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**
  - Musaf: **David Rubin**
- 10:00 – 11:30 am Youth Programming (downstairs)
- 10:00 – 10:45 am **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason, Emeritus** "Starting Points"  
This week's topic: "Five Habits of Exceptionally Happy People"
- 6:15 pm Mincha, Ma'ariv (Please eat Shalosh Seudos in your home Sukkah before coming to Shul)
- Not Before 7:31 pm Yom Tov Candle Lighting

### Sunday, October 1, Sukkot (Day 2)

- 9:00 am Shachris followed by Musaf
  - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Mateo John**
  - Shacharis: **Mateo John**
  - Leyning: **Stuart Klamen**
  - Haftorah: **TBA**
  - Sermon: **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**
  - Musaf: **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**
- 6:25 pm Mincha
- 7:29 pm Yom Tov Ends

### Minyan Times September 29 – October 7, 2023

	Fri Sep 29*	Shabbos Sep 30**	Sun Oct 1**	Mon Oct 2^	Tues Oct 3^	Wed Oct 4^	Thu Oct 5^	Fri Oct 6^^	Shabbos Oct 7>
Shachris (am)	7:00	9:00	9:00	6:45	6:45	6:45	6:45	6:30*	9:00
Mincha/Ma'ariv (pm)	6:30	6:15	6:25	6:20	6:20	6:20	6:20	6:15	6:30

\*Erev Sukkot \*\*Sukkot ^Chol Hamoed Sukkot ^^Hoshana Rabba >Shemini Atzeres

**Sukkot Day 1 • October 1, 2023 • 15 Tishrei 5783**

Torah Portion	Leviticus 22:26–23:44	Siddur p. 471	Chumash pp. 681–691
Maftir	Numbers 29:12–16	Siddur p. 473	Chumash p. 895
Haftorah	Zechariah 14:1–21	Siddur p. 473	Chumash pp. 1241–1242

**Sukkot Day 2 • October 2, 2022 • 16 Tishrei 5783**

Torah Portion	Leviticus 22:26–23:44	Siddur p. 471	Chumash pp. 681–691
Maftir	Numbers 29:12–16	Siddur p. 473	Chumash p. 895
Haftorah	I Kings 8:2–8:21	Siddur p. 474	Chumash pp. 1242–1243

**Belly Up to the Bar(s) – A Simchat Torah Seudah, NHBZ Style**

Thanks to **Jackie Berkin, Sally Needle and Anna Rose Tendler**, we are having a Simchat Torah Seudah! FREE TO ALL! Join us for dinner, Motzei Shabbos, October 7, after davening/Hakafos.

We will raise the bar(s) on this one! PASTA bar, SALAD bar, garlic bread, other treats plus Jackie's Famous Whiskey Slush!!! All food under the supervision of Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky.

RSVPs requested [here](#)\*. Walk-ins welcome. Sponsors (\$25 minimum) invited.

\* **DID YOU KNOW....**RSVPs help us know how much food to buy. Please take a moment and let us know how many of your family plan to join us. Just click the link above.

# Congregation News

## Mazel Tov on Simchas This Week! October 1 – October 7, 2023

### Happy Birthday

Lewis Schucart	Oct 1	Leib Smason	Oct 3
Hannah Amalya Bialecki	Oct 2	Susan Feigenbaum	Oct 5
Robert Abrams	Oct 3		



### Happy Anniversary

Marvin & Sandy Greenberg Oct 7

## Events

### Coming Soon

- This Shabbos, Sep 30
- Thursday, Oct 5
- Motzei Shabbos, Oct 7
- Sunday, Oct 8, 10:00 am
- Shabbos, Oct 14
- Shabbos, Oct 21
- Shabbos, Oct 28
- “Starting Points” with **Rabbi Ze’ev Smason, Emeritus**
- Whiskey, Cigars & Learning (Men Only) (See flyer)
- Simchat Torah Seudah (Details on Page 2)
- Simchat Torah Celebration for the Entire Family (See flyer)
- Eli Judah & Jonah Alexander Bialecki Bar Mitzvah
- Auf Ruf/Kiddush in honor of Eli Szus & Josephine Mairzadeh
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Yom Kippur War Event (Details soon)

### Rabbi Classes On Hiatus

- Rabbi Bogopulsky Classes: The Chumash class resumes October 10, 2023. The “Gateway to Tefilla” class resumes October 25, 2023
- Rabbi David’s “Soul Building”: No class until October 14, 2023; Special classes until then.
- Rabbi Smason’s Pirkei Avos (Wednesday) Class: No class until October 11, 2023

\*We wish you and your families a happy, healthy, safe and prosperous New Year\*

## Message from the President

I hope everyone is enjoying the Holidays so far. We had great crowds, we had great speakers, and we had a great beginning to our annual Yom Kippur appeal. A sincere thank you to all those who have so generously contributed so far to this effort. We continue to accept contributions, so please contact the office with your pledge or payment.

On another note, I want to remind everyone that Nancy Stenn's last day in the office will be next Tuesday, October 3. So if you happen to see Nancy in the meantime, please remember to thank her for her service to the synagogue these past two years. We wish Nancy all the best in her future endeavors!

Hoping to see everyone over Sukkot and Simchas Torah, and L'Shana Tova again!

## We Welcome Our New Administrator

We are excited to introduce **Nora Baranyk**, your new Synagogue Administrator!

Nora moved to St. Louis from Miami, FL, though she is a Midwestern girl at heart! Milwaukee, WI is originally home.

If you want a great ice-breaker, ask her what her old job was!

When not at work, Nora loves to hike, run, read and explore her new City. Please give Nora the warm NHBZ welcome to make her feel at home.



# Learning at NHBZ

## Sukkot

In the halachos of Sukkot, a clear distinction is made between the walls of the sukkah and its covering, the *schach*. The Rama holds that one must first build the walls of the sukkah prior to arranging the *schach* atop them. If one reverses the order and puts up the *schach* first (upon a frame, for example) and then places the walls around it, it is debatable whether he has built a kosher sukkah. While some permit using this sukkah to fulfill the mitzvah, others disqualify it. While the crux of this dispute lies in the complexities of the Talmudic discourse, perhaps one can glean from it a certain symbolic insight into the meaning of the sukkah and the holiday of Sukkot.

The walls of the sukkah must be strong enough to withstand normal weather conditions. But the *schach* above must not be piled on so thick as to lock out the elements. The walls of the sukkah represent the barrier between us, the Jewish people, and the nations of the world, who are outside the sukkah. The walls must be strong; we must be protected from all outside forces and influences. Only when fortified in such a manner is it possible to develop a relationship with Hashem. But our sukkah cannot be so self-contained that rays of spirituality from above cannot penetrate it. The *schach* must be sparse enough to allow in sunlight.

The first time the Torah notes the building of sukkos is when Yaakov and Eisav part company following their peaceful reunion. Eisav wishes to travel with Yaakov, but Yaakov begs off. After Eisav returns to Sei'ir, Yaakov builds sukkos for his animals and even calls the area Sukkos. Immediately thereafter, Yaakov's family must deal with Shechem. Dealing with this outside threat was not easy; the family was not of one voice on how to handle it. The **separation** between the young Jewish nation and her enemies had been breached and needed to be strengthened.

The Talmud relates that the non-Jewish world failed to prove themselves worthy of a special relationship with G-d. They bolted from the sukkah. Was it because they could not tolerate the sukkah or because the sukkah could not tolerate them? The sukkah not only consummates our special union with G-d, but also upholds our unique station as G-d's chosen people – to the exclusion of the non-Jewish world.

All three pilgrimage festivals – Sukkot, Pesach, Shavuot – contain this theme: the exclusion of the non-Jew as a prerequisite to our becoming close to the Almighty. The need for the sukkah's walls to be established before the *schach* is in place highlights the importance of establishing ourselves as a unique nation, not one that emulates the ways of the non-Jewish world. Once that is accomplished, we can reach for higher levels of holiness and develop our relationship with Hashem, thereby earning His eternal protection.

*Rabbi Edward Davis  
Young Israel of Hollywood and Fort Lauderdale, Fort Lauderdale, FL*

## Thanks to Our Sukkah Builders!

Big thanks to our Sukkah building crew, (aka “société de souccah structurelle secrete”).

It was a “small but awesome team” led by **Bobby Levine** with expert assistance from **Tony Granillo**. YAY TEAM! (We are 730 days free of workplace injury. Keep it that way! 😊)







# THE SISTERHOOD SCOOP

Chag Same'ach  Chag Same'ach

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NHBZ Sisterhood wishes you and your family a **'Happy Sukkos'**

**Thank You to everyone who participated in the Sisterhood**



**New Year Greetings**

**Fundraiser for 5784**

**If you wish to help support**

**NHBZ's Passport to Israel Program**

**Send your donation (\$10 min / NO max) to NHBZ Sisterhood and your name will be published in the next Shabbos Bulletin prior to Simchas Torah!**

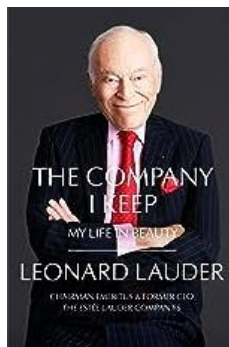
**"SUCCOT IS THE TIME WE ASK THE MOST PROFOUND QUESTION OF WHAT MAKES A LIFE WORTH LIVING. WHAT MATTERS IS NOT HOW LONG WE LIVE, BUT HOW INTENSELY WE FEEL THAT LIFE IS A GIFT WE REPAY BY GIVING TO OTHERS. JOY, THE OVERWHELMING THEME OF THE FESTIVAL, IS WHAT WE FEEL WHEN WE KNOW THAT IT IS A PRIVILEGE SIMPLY TO BE ALIVE."**

**-- Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks Z"l**

## Sisterhood Invites You to Join the Book Club

**No Experience Necessary!**

All women are welcome to join the Sisterhood Book Club, which meets every other month, on the fourth Monday of odd-numbered months. The final book selection for 2023 will be ***The Company I Keep: My Life in Beauty***, by Leonard Lauder, the personal account of his mother Estée Lauder, and the company she built. The discussion will be on **Monday, November 13, 7:15 PM** at the home of **Myra Radinsky** in Clayton. For more info call Fran Alper at 314-993-4024 or [fran.alper@outlook.com](mailto:fran.alper@outlook.com) or [sisterhood@nhbz.org](mailto:sisterhood@nhbz.org)



## Being Like G-d This Sukkot

by **Rabbi Ron Jawary**, [www.aish.com](http://www.aish.com)

There is a mitzvah in the Torah to try to be like G-d. One of G-d's characteristics is that He "sustains all the living with kindness." Not only does He give us so many things for free, but He lifts our spirits when we're down.

A person should try to emulate G-d both by giving in the physical sense, and by giving of himself to lift the spirits of those who are down. The Rambam writes that there is no greater joy in life than the joy one receives by lifting and reviving the spirits of those who are burdened by life's travails. The Torah teaches us that on Sukkot we should rejoice with our sons, daughters, our household help, the orphans, widows, strangers and Levites (the spiritual leaders of the nation).

Rashi explains that if we look after the Almighty's four (the orphans, widows, strangers, and Levites), He will look after our four (our sons, daughters, and male and female help), blessing us and them with joy and inner peace. If we take the opportunity to be G-d-like and sustain all those around us with kindness, G-d will reciprocate in kind.

In fact, Sukkot comes after Yom Kippur because in order to be G-d-like, we need to be "big." We can't go through Yom Kippur properly and come out with grudges. The blessings which we receive are in direct proportion to the amount of effort which we invested.

**Sisterhood is grateful to *Nancy Stenn*, our Shul Administrator since July 2021, for her assistance, diligent support, and calm optimism during past 2+ years. We wish Nancy every success in the future as she begins her next adventure. Thank you, Nancy!**



Our rabbis teach that each of the four species represents a different type of Jew. The *etrog*, with a fragrance and a taste, represents those Jews who have both Torah wisdom and good deeds. The *lulav*, with a taste but no fragrance, represents Jews who have Torah wisdom but no good deeds. The *hadassim*, which have a fragrance but no taste, represents Jews who have good deeds but no Torah wisdom, and, lastly, the *aravot*, which have neither a taste nor a smell, represents those Jews who are lacking in both Torah wisdom and good deeds. On Sukkot our mitzvah is to bring all four together at once. Each is necessary for the unity of the Jewish people. ❤️



# For The Gentlemen

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## Whiskey, Cigars & Torah Learning in the Sukkah!

### Thursday, October 5th

**Join us for minyan at 6:20 PM**

**The Program Plus Kosher food  
and refreshments following minyan.**

**Sponsors in any amount are welcome.**

**Please contact the office at**

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



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# You're Invited!



**Sunday, October 8th  
10:00am at Nusach Hari**

**Simchat Torah  
Celebration for  
the Entire Family!**

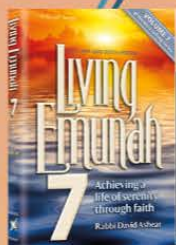
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