



# NHBZ Weekly News

## Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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October 21, 2023 • 6 Cheshvan 5784 • Candle Lighting 5:58 pm • Shabbos Concludes 7:00 pm

Parashas Noach  
Haftorah

Genesis 6:9 – 11:32  
Isaiah 54:1-55:1

Chumash p. 30 – 53  
Chumash p. 1131-1132

**Mazel Tov to Eli Szus & Josephine Mairzadeh on their upcoming wedding!**

Aufruf this Shabbos followed by Kiddush luncheon generously sponsored by the Szus family!

## Prayer

### Friday, October 20

- 7:00 am Shachris
- 5:50 pm Mincha
- 5:58 pm Candle Lighting



### Shabbos, Saturday, October 21

- 9:00 am Shachris followed by Musaf:
  - ☆ Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
  - ☆ Shacharis: **Dr. Elie Sutton**
  - ☆ Leyning: **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**
  - ☆ Haftorah: **Eli Szus**
  - ☆ Sermon: **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**
  - ☆ Musaf: **Menachem Szus**
- 10:00-10:45 am: Rabbi David Soul Building: downstairs chapel
  - Topic: How to Achieve Personal Growth While Under Attack
- 5:40 pm Mincha
- 7:00 pm Shabbos concludes



### Minyan Times October 20 – October 28

	Fri Oct 20	Shabbos Oct 21	Sun Oct 22	Mon Oct 23	Tues Oct 24	Wed Oct 25	Thu Oct 26	Fri Oct 27	Shabbos Oct 28
Shachris (am)	7:00	9:00	8:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	9:00
Mincha/Ma'ariv (pm)	5:50	5:40	5:50	5:50	5:50	5:50	5:50	5:40	5:35

# Congregation News

## Mazel Tov on Simchas This Week! Oct 22 – Oct 28

### Birthdays:

Leo Bressler	Oct 22
Rabbi Yakov Bogopulsky	Oct 23
Jeffery Scheer	Oct 24
Ellen Rosen	Oct 25
Marvin Greenberg	Oct 26
Robin Rickerman	Oct 27

### Anniversaries:

Stuart & Catherine Morgan	Oct 19
Joey & Jamie Mufson	Oct 22



## Events

### Coming Soon

- Thursday, Oct 26 – 5:00-6:30 pm children are welcome to write cards to the IDF; delicious cheese pizza included for the kids while they draw at NHBZ.
- Sunday, Oct 29 – Rabbi Ashear: Making the most of the life you were given. See insert for information!

## Learning at NHBZ

### 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.  
**Resumes on October 24.**
- **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. **Resumes on 10/25.**
- **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=tw7lIOVumZ8QelPxEHvApYZsox8VUem.1>
- **Kitzur Shulchan Aruch with Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**, Sunday-Thursday – In between Mincha and Ma’ariv. Invest a few minutes to expand your understanding of Halacha/Jewish Law.
- **Partners in Torah** Monday nights at 8 pm. Sign up available in person.
- **“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

## Parshas Noach

The deluge that destroyed the world in the time of Noach caused a major upheaval in the physical makeup of the world. The geological and archeological evidence of these changes has baffled many a scientist, so much so that even skeptical scientists argue that some fossilized discoveries may be attributed to the Flood.

Not only did the Flood leave its indelible mark on the contours of the planet, but the Torah tells us, it changed the very physics of the world. Hashem was deeply saddened by the immorality that had pervaded His world and to ensure that it would not happen again, He did not simply destroy the world but changed its structure. After Noach and his family left the confines of their protective ark, they entered a new world order.

Noach had a very difficult year in the ark. He had to provide for and tend to the ark's menagerie. Each animal required its own diet, and each had its own schedule. "During the twelve months that Noach was in the ark, he did not taste sleep," the Midrash tells us. Noach's natural environment was suspended for that time. In fact, but for three exceptions, everyone's nature changed while in the ark. Only the dog, the raven, and Cham, Noach's son functioned normally in the ark.

What motivated them to be different? Why couldn't they suspend their personal needs during this time of universal tragedy? The answer is found in their very nature. Dogs are arrogant, the prophet Yeshayah states. They must be well trained before they can become man's best friend. The raven is known for its cruelty. When Noach released the raven to see the conditions outside the ark, it came upon a human corpse on top of a mountain. After satisfying itself, the raven returned to Noach with no information for the inhabitants of the ark. Cham, son of Noach, also submitted to his baser instincts. He totally ignored the suffering around him and allowed himself the pleasures of his indulgences. This selfishness did not go unnoticed by Hashem. Cham and his descendants were punished forever.

What a lesson for us. Are we so uncaring that the experiences of the world around us go unnoticed? Are we oblivious? Can we continue to go about "life as normal," without seeing and learning important lessons about compassion, morality, and decency? We must emulate the good we see and eliminate the bad we see. The spiritual nature of the world was changed after the Flood's destruction. It is up to us to sustain the world by avoiding the mistakes of the past.

*Rabbi Mordekai Shapiro*  
*Congregation Ohr Torah, North Woodmere, NY*

## In the Community:

Please join Shaving Israel at **Traditional Congregation** on **Sunday, October 29** at **10:30 am** for a brunch and special program honoring Sheilah Gross:

### **"What is it Like to Have a Relative in the Israel Defense Forces?"**

Featured Speakers: **Dr. Gil Gross** (Sheilah's son) will talk about his father's service in the IDF, and **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**, **Rabbi Emeritus of Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Synagogue**, will speak about his children's service in the IDF.

**Learn about the IDF, how Shaving Israel aids IDF personnel, and how you can help, especially in these critical times.**

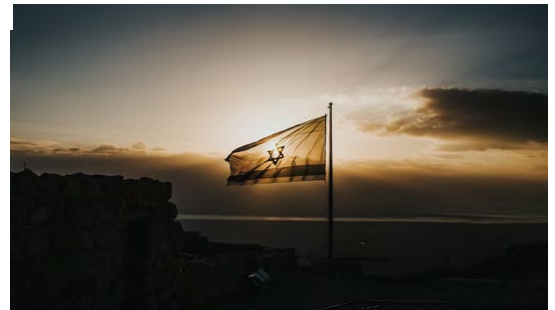
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<https://shavingisrael.org/>



## Help for Israel

Here are some **suggested** places to donate:

1. Magen David Adom
  - ✧ Online: <https://afmda.org/donate/>
  - ✧ Mailing a check:
  - ✧ American Friends of Magen David Adom  
20 West 36th Street, Suite 1100  
New York, NY 10018
  - ✧ Call: 866-632-2763
2. United Hatzalah:
  - ✧ Online: [https://israelrescue.org/campaign/israel-under-attack/?utm\\_source=homepage&utm\\_medium=popup-new-2&utm\\_campaign=gaza2023](https://israelrescue.org/campaign/israel-under-attack/?utm_source=homepage&utm_medium=popup-new-2&utm_campaign=gaza2023)
3. Friends of the IDF:
  - ✧ Online: <https://www.fidf.org/>
  - ✧ Mailing a check:
  - ✧ "Friends of the Israel Defense Forces"
  - ✧ PO Box 4224 NY, NY 10163 USA.
  - ✧ Call: 1-888-318-3433







# THE SISTERHOOD SCOOP

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Sisterhood extends best wishes to

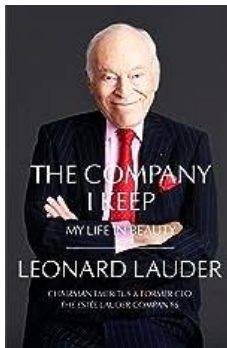
*Eli Szus & Josephine Mairzadeh*

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**Mazel Tov!** on their upcoming marriage.  
**Mazel tov** to their families!

## 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)



## NOACH: Looking at Yourself Through Others

Before G-d brought the flood upon the world, He gave Noah specific instructions as to how to prepare for it – take seven males and seven females of each of the kosher animals, and two of each of the animals that are not kosher and place them in the ark. Commentaries ask why the Torah uses the roundabout expression “the animals which are not pure” to refer to the non-kosher animals. Generally, the Torah is very concise in its use of words and almost always uses the minimum amount of words to say the maximum amount of things. Why not say “the impure animals,” rather than “the animals which are not pure”? Rashi explains that this teaches a person that he should always strive to use clean language, to speak in a refined way. In other words, since calling a non-kosher animal “impure” is not complimentary, it is preferable to say “an animal which is not pure.”

In Western culture many of us are taught that you call things by their names and you don't mince words. But in the Torah it is not always regarded as a virtue to say things the way they are. This does not mean that one should lie, G-d forbid. But you can say the same thing in a pleasant, positive way instead of in a coarse way, and get your same point across. You will be understood just as well, but meanwhile you didn't contaminate your mouth. Your mouth was kept pure, because you were careful which words went out of it. Just like we have to be careful about what goes **into** our mouths (kosher food, etc.), we have to be careful about what comes **out** of our mouths.

The Torah teaches us that we must be careful with the way we **speak**. This same Torah portion teaches us that we must also take care regarding what we **look at**. Noah became drunk, fell asleep, and (unconscious of what he was doing) lay immodestly uncovered in his tent. Upon hearing of this, Noah's youngest son, Cham, focused on his indecency and publicly spoke of it, whereas Noah's older sons, Shem and Yefet, went immediately to the tent to cover Noah and restore his modesty. They even walked backwards into the tent in order to “...not see their father's nakedness.”

These two incidents, about the unkosher animals and the incident about covering Noah, teach a person a very fundamental lesson in interpersonal relationships — how to avoid **saying** negative things about others, and how to avoid **seeing** negative things in others.

The Ba'al Shem Tov taught that the people we encounter in our lives are our mirrors: If we see evil in them, we are really seeing a reflection of the evil within us. Since we are generally blind to our own faults, G-d arranges for us to notice them in someone else, expecting us to take the cue and recognize that we possess these same faults so we can correct them in ourselves. We can also help others to improve. — adapted from **Nechoma Greisman**, [www.chabad.org](http://www.chabad.org)

**“G-d saved Noah from the Flood, but Noah had to make the ark. He gave the land of Israel to the people of Israel, but they had to fight the battles. G-d gives us the strength to act, but we have to do the deed. What changes the world, what fulfills our destiny, is not what G-d does for us but what we do for G-d.”**

– Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks Z"l

**Time is running out...**

**Send in your RSVP and/or Ad by Wednesday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>  
to be entered in the Early Bird Raffle to win gifts!**

**Email [reserve@nhbz.org](mailto:reserve@nhbz.org), or Call NHBZ 314-991-2100, ext.2**

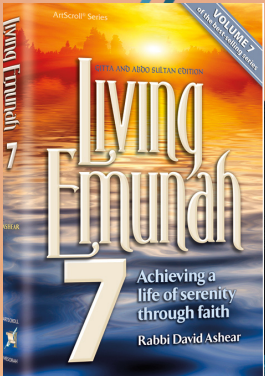
**Early Bird Deadline is Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**







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## **Please Join Us**

# **SHABBAT, OCT 28TH**

**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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