

Shabbos and Yom Tov Edition



NHBZ Weekly News

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion
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Shabbos October 7, 2023 • 22 Tishrei 5784

Shabbos Candle Lighting 6:18 pm • Yom Tov Candle Lighting (Sat) Not Before 7:20 pm

*See page two for Shemini Atzeres & Simchat Torah Torah Portions

We thank our generous sponsors:

- Jay Pepose and the Feigenbaum/Pepose Family for the Simchat Torah Seudah in celebration of Susan Feigenbaum's birthday! We also thank the additional sponsors: Joni & Bob Kaiser, Alan & Vivian Zarkowsky, Dr. Daniel & Marcela Morgensztern, Jay & Peggy Umansky, Alan & Janet Haber, the Szus Family and Dr. David & Fran Reisler

Prayer

Friday, October 6, Shemini Atzeres

- 6:15 pm Mincha, Ma'ariv
- 6:18 pm Candle Lighting

Shabbos, October 7, Shemini Atzeres

- 9:00 am Shachris followed by Musaf
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **TBA**
 - Shacharis: **Menachem Szus**
 - Leyning: **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**
- Haftorah: **Brent Waxman**
- Sermon: **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**
- Musaf: **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**
- 10:00 – 11:30 am Youth Programming (downstairs)
- 10:30 am Yizkor
- 6:05 pm Mincha, Ma'ariv (Please eat Shalosh Seudos in your home Sukkah before coming to Shul)
- Not Before 7:20 pm Yom Tov Candle Lighting

Sunday, October 8, Simchat Torah

- 9:00 am Shachris followed by Musaf
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **TBA**
 - Shacharis: **TBA**
 - Leyning: **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**
- Haftorah: ****Auctioned Off****
- Sermon: **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**
- Musaf: **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**
- 10:00 am Simchat Torah for Kidz (see flyer)
- 6:10 pm Mincha



Minyan Times October 6 – October 14, 2023

	Fri Oct 6 ^{^^}	Shabbos Oct 7 ^{>}	Sun Oct 8 [*]	Mon Oct 9	Tues Oct 10	Wed Oct 11	Thu Oct 12	Fri Oct 13	Shabbos Oct 14
Shachris (am)	6:30	9:00	9:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	9:00
Mincha/Ma'ariv (pm)	6:15	6:05	6:10	6:10	6:10	6:10	6:10	6:00	5:50

^{^^}Hoshana Rabba [>]Shemini Atzeres ^{*}Simchat Torah

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Torah Portion	Deuteronomy 14:22–16:17	Siddur p. 481–83	Chumash pp. 1012–22
Maftir	Numbers 29:35–30:1	Siddur p. 483	Chumash pp. 896–98
Haftarah	I Kings 8:54–8:66	Siddur p. 483-84	Chumash p. 1245

**Simchat Torah • October 8, 2023 • 23 Tishrei 5783**

Candle Lighting Erev Simchat Torah, Saturday, Oct 7, not before 7:20 pm.

Torah Portion	Deuteronomy 33:1–34:12	Siddur p. 484–85	Chumash p. 1112–24
	Genesis 1:1–2:3	Siddur p. 487–88	Chumash pp. 2–10
Maftir	Numbers 29:35–30:1	Siddur p. 483	Chumash pp. 896–98
Haftarah	Joshua 1:1–1:18	Siddur p. 489–90	Chumash pp. 1246–47

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

Our tradition continues! Join us for 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. RSVP's requested [here](#).

And do not forget our annual "live and lively" auction of synagogue honors for Simchat Torah!

Congregation News

Mazel Tov on Simchas This Week! October 8 – October 14, 2023

Happy Birthday

Sallie Volotzky	Oct 8	Ariel Belasen	Oct 3
Ina Makovsky	Oct 9	Michelle Mufson	Oct 14
David Morgensztern	Oct 9		



Happy Anniversary

Kenny & Barb Bressler Oct 11

Events

Coming Soon

- This Motzei Shabbos
- Sunday, Oct 8, 10:00 am
- Shabbos, Oct 14
- Shabbos, Oct 21
- Shabbos, Oct 28
- 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
- 50th 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 Smason’s Pirkei Avos (Wednesday) Class: No class until October 11, 2023
- Rabbi David’s “Soul Building”: No class until October 14, 2023; Special classes until then.



NHBZ SEPTEMBER 2023

IN MEMORY OF

Estelle Kram

Sherry & Lenny Simpson
Baked T's

IN HONOR OF

Jerry & Gail Tullman's

Anniversary

Bruce & Faith Waxman
Feigenbaum/Pepose Family

Louis & Rebecca Goldman's

Anniversary

Feigenbaum/Pepose Family

Joey Granillo's Bar Mitzvah

Aleene Zawada

Michael & Charlene Kass

Anniversary

Feigenbaum/Pepose Family

Rabbi & Rebbitzen Smason

Nancy Lisker

Victor & Anna Rose's New Granddaughter,

Saylor Jo Mercury Tendler

Anonymous

Brian & Debbie Sher's

Wedding Anniversary

Feigenbaum/Pepose Family

Stephen & Myra Radinsky's

57th Wedding Anniversary

Feigenbaum/Pepose Family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Howard Sandler

Bruce & Faith Waxman

Fran Hoffman

Feigenbaum/Pepose Family

Jesse Barash

Feigenbaum/Pepose Family

Irwin Rosen

Feigenbaum/Pepose Family

Dr. Daniel Morgensztern

Feigenbaum/Pepose Family

Faith Waxman

Feigenbaum/Pepose Family

Susan Feigenbaum

Morgensztern Family



Trib-ute (trib'yoot)

A gift, payment, declaration, or other acknowledgement of gratitude, respect or admiration.

Make a tribute to honor someone's simcha, good health or a loved one's memory.

Call (314-991-2100, ext 2) or email (office@nhbz.org) to make a tribute.

Tributes will be listed monthly in the Weekly News.

Learning at NHBZ

Shemini Atzeres

The holiday celebrates, once again, the completion of the yearly cycle of the Torah reading. The last few verses of the Torah recount the death of Moshe Rabbeinu, the outstanding individual in Jewish history, the Lawgiver, the central figure in the mighty drama of the Jews' exodus and their forty-year sojourn in the wilderness. Recalling all the Incidents in his life, which would one choose to illustrate his greatness? He negotiated with Pharaoh, mightiest ruler in the world. He urged the nation of fleeing slaves into the Red Sea. He bore with the Jewish people in their sorrow and pain and through their bitter denunciations of him when their water was bitter and their food lacking. He ascended Mount Sinai to receive the Tablets of the Torah.

The Midrash Rabbah sets the scene: On the eve of the exodus, Moshe is coordinating all the activities attendant upon the departure of some three million people from Egypt. He must answer questions, field royal emissaries, attend to myriad details. To which responsibility did he turn first? The Midrash tells us. "Why did Moshe merit [to be the one to give the Torah and lead the Jews out of Egypt? While all the Israelites were busy [taking] the silver and gold of Egypt, Moshe was going through the city for three days and nights to find the coffin of Yosef." Hundreds of years earlier, Yosef, as he lay dying, made the Jews promise they would take his bones with them when they left Egypt. With the momentous moment of the exodus imminent, Moshe put all his effort into upholding this vow and finding Yosef's casket, which had been hidden by the Egyptians centuries earlier. But there was a problem: no one knew where the casket was.

Enter Serach bas Asher, Yosef's granddaughter, a woman two hundred years old, who ran into Moshe. Their conversation began with small talk, but Moshe, busy as he was, did not rush off. It was she who knew where to find Yosef's body - it had been brought to the Nile and sunk there. Moshe went to the river and after praying for a while, the coffin floated to the surface. Moshe carried it on his back on his way to lead the Jews out of bondage. Picture that! Moshe Rabbeinu carrying a coffin while the other Jews cart off gold and silver. This summarizes the essence of Moshe's uniqueness and greatness. His concern for the important things in life qualified him to be the first leader of the Jewish people.

America is a youth-oriented society, adulating youthful vigor. Kennedy used to play football on the White House lawn and Clinton makes sure he is photographed jogging, while Bob Ocie continues to rebut the perception that he is too "old for the job." But Judaism respects old age, reveres the achievements of a lifetime of toil. Judaism also teaches that it is not the external trappings of glory that count but rather concern for others. Surely we must ask ourselves how a Harvard graduate, a man with a Ph.D. from a prestigious university, could be the Unabomber. How could someone of that background and training kill so many people? All his years of education led to - murder?

As we extol the brilliant scientists and the youthful technocrats, we must ask ourselves: is this the right way? No. This is not the way of Judaism. Judaism states that even the most important person in the nation must take the time to be politely attentive to an old lady. Judaism also teaches that although everyone else may be busy amassing a fortune of gold and silver, the truly wise person concerns himself with keeping a centuries-old code of conduct. As we finish reading the Torah and then begin again, let us remind ourselves of these timeless lessons and use this holiday as an opportunity for improvement and growth.

*Rabbi Alfred Cohen
Congregation Ohav Yisroel, Monsey, NY*

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. (On hiatus until 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=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**, 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

Rabbi Ze’ev Smason Changes Missouri Law!



As Governor Parson welcomed in September as Jewish American Heritage Month, **Rabbi Ze’ev Smason, Emeritus**, has worked to change the law- having the state of Missouri to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRC) definition of antisemitism!

<https://coalitionforjewishvalues.org/2023/09/governor-parson-proclaims-september-as-jewish-american-heritage-month-in-missouri/>

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.





THE SISTERHOOD SCOOP OCTOBER 7



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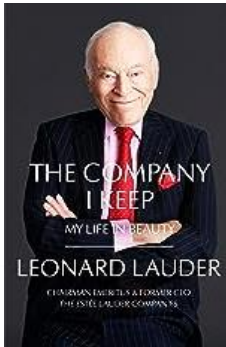
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NHBZ Sisterhood wishes you and your family a **Chag Same'ach**!

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 or sisterhood@nhbz.org



Sisterhood welcomes Nora Baranyk, our new Synagogue Administrator!



TRUTH OR PEACE?

In the last portion of the Torah, V'Zot HaBerachah, we read of Moses's passing and how the men mourned his passing for thirty days. "And the sons of Israel wept." In contrast, after Aaron's passing, "all the House of Israel," both men and women, wept. Why was Aaron mourned by all? Because he brought peace between peers and between husband and wife.

If peace is so special, why didn't Moses involve himself in peace-making as well? Didn't he himself teach that it is acceptable to twist the truth to make peace.

Moshe was the transmitter of G d's word, the Torah, the truth. Peace is sometimes created by bending or choosing to overlook negativity. Truth is unyielding; it doesn't take feelings in to account. Moses's main purpose was to accurately teach Torah, he had to be a beacon of unyielding truth. This precluded him from truth-bending, even with the best of intentions.

This is also why, sometimes, Torah discussions and debates can sound harsh. Because it's about truth, which just is. It is the truth of Torah that makes us who we are. It is because of our commitment to the truth that G d chose us.

What takes precedence, truth or peace?

When it comes to Torah study, be like Moses, truth over peace. When counseling people, be like Aaron, peace over truth.

Ultimately, truth is essential to our existence. Peace is a tool employed by our Torah of truth. Start with truth and pursue peace when it is called for.

Don't be a hard-nosed, tactless person; be a *mentsch*. A *mentsch* knows when to be like Moses and when to be like Aaron.

– by **Rabbi Yitzi Hurwitz**, www.chabad.org

"The Torah ends with the last command: to keep writing and studying Torah. And this is epitomised in the beautiful custom, on Simchat Torah, to move immediately from reading the end of the Torah to reading the beginning. The last word in the Torah is *Yisrael*, the last letter is a *lamed*. The first word of the Torah is *Bereishit*; the first letter of the Torah is *beit*. *Lamed* followed by *beit* spells *lev*, "heart." So long as the Jewish people never stop learning, the Jewish heart will never stop beating. Never has a people loved a book more. Never has a book sustained a people longer or lifted it higher." ♥ -- Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks ^{Z"l}



Thank You to everyone who participated in Sisterhood's New Year Greetings Fundraiser for 5784

You're Invited!



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

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

Children of all ages are welcome.





Rose Ragin Chesed Fund

Supporting our Members

What is the Rose Ragin Chesed Fund?

The fund provides for acts of chesed (lovingkindness) to support lifecycle events of NHBZ members, such as...



**Shiva trays
for mourners**



**Gifts for
newborns**



**Meals for
the sick**

How can I contribute to the Rose Ragin Chesed Fund?

- buy Rose Ragin Chesed cards and Purim Cards
- buy 'onesies' for a baby
- make a donation to the Rose Ragin Chesed Fund
- watch for upcoming special fund-raising campaigns

How else can I help?

Call Nancy in the NHBZ Office – 314-991-2100, ext. 2, to...

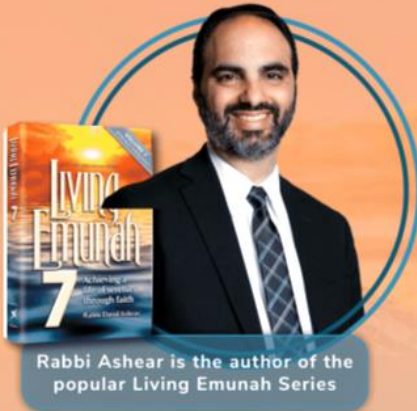
- notify her about someone who is in need of chesed
- have a misheberach said for someone
- volunteer for the Chesed Committee

Purchase a **pack of 5** Rose Ragin Chesed cards – **\$25 minimum donation**.
Keep some handy to send out whenever you'd like. It's a great way to
honor a simcha, remember a loved one, or acknowledge anything at all.

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