



NHBZ Weekly News

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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February 10, 2024 • 1 Adar 5784 • Candle Lighting 5:13 pm • Shabbos Concludes 6:18 pm

Parashas Mishpatim
Haftorah Mishpatim

Exodus 21:1 – 24:18
1 Kings 5:26 – 6:13

Chumash p. 416- 443
Chumash p. 1156 - 57

- ☆ Thank you to **Judy Levin** for sponsoring this week's bulletin
In Memory of her husband **Jacob Levin z"l**.
- ☆ Welcome to our new members:
Jason, Nicole, & Jack Loiterstein!

Prayer

Friday, February 9

- 6:45 am Shachris
- 5:10 pm Mincha
- 5:13 pm Candle Lighting

Shabbos, Saturday, February 10

- 9:00 am Shachris followed by Musaf
 - ☆ Pesukei D'Zimra: **Amir Noy**
 - ☆ Shacharis: **Mateo John**
 - ☆ Leyning: **Rabbi Yitzchok Hess**
- 10:00-10:45 am: **Rabbi David**: Downstairs
 - ☆ Topic: TBA
- 5:00 pm Mincha
- 6:18 pm Shabbos concludes



- ☆ Haftorah: **Brent Waxman**
- ☆ Sermon: **Rabbi Avi Feigenbaum**
- ☆ Musaf: **Rabbi Yitzchok Hess**

Minyan Times February 9– February 17:

	Fri Feb 9*	Shabbos Feb 10	Sun Feb 11	Mon Feb 12	Tues Feb 13	Wed Feb 14	Thu Feb 15	Fri Feb 16	Shabbos Feb 17
Shachris (am)	6:45	9:00	8:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	9:00
Mincha/Ma'ariv (pm)	5:10	5:00	5:15	-	-	-	-	5:15	5:05
Ma'ariv Only (pm)	-	-	-	7:45	7:30	7:30	7:30	-	-

*Rosh Chodesh

Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky • Rabbi Aaron Borow, Emeritus • Rabbi Ze'ev Smason, Emeritus

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Congregation News

Milestones This Week!

Happy Birthday!

Sally Amon	Feb 9	Marsha Feenberg	Feb 9
Chani Smason	Feb 9	Scott McCary	Feb 11
Stella Vladimirov	Feb 11	Amanda Fredman	Feb 12
Bob Kaiser	Feb 14	Moshe Pinto	Feb 15

Happy Anniversary!

Norman & Marilyn Liss	Feb 11
Rabbi Chaim & Batya Bogopulsky	Feb 15
Mark and Natalia Wallman	Feb 16



Yahrzeits Observed This Week:

February 8 evening/February 9 30 Shevat Estelle Levin	February 9 evening/February 10 1 Adar 1 Roma Kleiman	February 10 evening/February 11 2 Adar 1 Dina Rothman
30 Shevat Nathan Zarkowsky	1 Adar 1 Stanley Laiderman	2 Adar 1 Stanley Farbstein
February 11 evening/February 12 3 Adar 1 Ben Packman	February 12 evening/February 13 4 Adar 1 Theodore Harris	February 13 evening/February 14 5 Adar 1 Chaya Klarfeld
3 Adar 1 Saul Steinberg		5 Adar 1 Roberta Ring
February 14 evening/February 15 6 Adar 1 Morton Seligsohn		

SAVE THE DATE!

- ☆ **Tuesdays at 1:00 pm** join us for Mahjong in the youth lounge.
- ☆ Pizza Night **February 25th from 5:00-7:00 pm**; Email office@nhbz.org to volunteer!
- ☆ Esther Miller Bais Yaakov 28th anniversary dinner **March 10th at 5 pm**. See flyer for details, register [here](#).
- ☆ Chesed Women's Social Hamantaschen Making, with Guest: Chanala Rubenfeld, the Rebbetzin from Chabad of Chesterfield, **Wednesday March 6th**, Time: 2-4 pm. Purim Cards will be available for purchase for \$5 each.

Parashas Mishpatim

The word Mishpatim is translated in English by the term “ordinances.” Our sedra focuses on 53 mitzvos, many of which are in the category of Mishpatim – rational, logical laws taught to the people.

The opening sentence of our sedra states: *"And these are the mishpatim, which you shall set before them"*. The Almighty is directing Moshe to set the laws of Judaism before the people in a simple, easy, and understandable fashion. Rashi asks why our sedra begins with the word "And".

"And these are the ordinances" Rashi has two comments. First, just as the previously mentioned laws (in last week's sedra of Yisro) mentioned the Ten Commandments that were presented by G-d at Sinai, so too were these mishpatim - logical, rational laws, given by Divine command at Mount Sinai. The first Gerer Rebbe, Rabbi Yitzchok Meir Alter (who lived in Poland 1789-1856) commented on Rashi's statement and said we should not keep the mishpatim, the rational laws of Judaism, the so-called social laws only because they make sense to us, or because they are logical. We should observe these laws because they were also given at Sinai, along with the Ten Commandments. We keep these ordinances because they were given by G-d.

The second comment of Rashi on the first word of our sedra is: "And these are the ordinances – "And" indicates a correlation between the discussion here (Chapter 21 of Exodus) of the judicial system, and the previous discussion of the construction of the altar (Chapter 20). We learn that Sais Din Hagadol, the Jewish High Court, which was part of the judicial system, met near the mizbeach (altar) in the holy temple. This was not a coincidence. Rather it was of Divine design. The Torah is comprised of commandments regulating man's relationship to G-d as well as those mitzvos regulating man's attitudes towards his fellow man. The altar in the holy temple was symbolic of the potential for peace, which existed between the human being and his/her Creator. The courts, on the other hand, were symbolic of the potential working harmony between all Jews. Thus, it was appropriate for the great Sanhedrin, the Jewish Supreme Court, to convene near the altar. The word "And" bridges the discussion of the altar in last week's sedra with the laws of the Sais Din in this week's sedra.

In Shemos 22:24 we read about charity. *"If you lend money to my people, to the poor that be with you."* Rashi asks, what is the necessity of the phrase *"that be with you?"*. The verse reads well without this phrase. *"If you lend money to my people, to the poor."* Why the extra words *"that be with you?"*? Rashi comments - imagine yourself to be poor. Our great commentator teaches us a lesson regarding the proper frame of mind in giving charity. If a person does not portray to himself realistically the plight of the poor person and family, the act of charity becomes abstract and dehumanized. However, to one who puts himself in the place of the poor man who lost his income, and actually feels his pain, the act of charity is enhanced, and the amount given is increased.

This is what our sages meant when they stated in the Talmud (Serochos 6 S) - *"the merit for fasting is in the charity"*. In other words, on the fast day when the person of wealth also realizes what it meant to be hungry, he just becomes awakened to the importance and necessity for generosity and charity.

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JANUARY 2024 TRIBUTES

IN MEMORY OF

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For your grandson's Bar Mitzvah!

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**Gail Rose & Mark Ragin- in honor of
Samantha's Bat Mitzvah!**

Jackie & Craig Berkin

**Nancy & Jason Rush- On your daughter's
engagement!**

Helayne Levitt

Lenny Alper- Happy Birthday!

Judith Levin

Rachael Pevnick- Happy Birthday!

Phyllis & Howard Loiterstein

Daniel & Marcela Morgensztern

Judith Levin

Dr. Susan Feigenbaum

& Dr. Jay Pepose

Devora Leah Bogopulsky's Bat Mitzvah

Bob & Joni Kaiser

Dr. Jay Pepose- Happy Birthday!

Daniel & Marcela Morgensztern

Libby Sorkin Routman

Menachem Szus- Happy Birthday!

Phyllis & Howard Loiterstein

Ram Volotzky- Happy Birthday!

Judith Levin

Helayne Levitt- Happy Birthday!

Judith Levin

Dr. Susan Feigenbaum

& Dr. Jay Pepose

Sara Garmaise- Happy Birthday!

Judith Levin

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

On-Going Classes

- **Gemara Learning with Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**, Weekdays, 6:15 am.
- **“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! **Returns February 21st**
- **“Gateway to Tefilla” with Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**, Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, followed by Ma’ariv at 7:30 pm. 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: **Returns February 21st**
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78974795850?pwd=tw7lOVumZ8QeIPxHvApYZsox8VUem.1>
- **Kitzur Shulchan Aruch with Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**, Sundays before Ma’ariv. Mondays at 7:30 pm, Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7:15 pm, followed by Ma’ariv at 7:30 pm. 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 mornings, 10:00 am
- **Pre-Mincha Shiur with Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**, Every Shabbos afternoon
- **Mishna Learning with Rabbi Chanan Swidler**, Every Sunday morning, after Shachris

Minyan Minute:

What is “*Minyan Minute*”? *The Minyan Minute* provides insight to our members about our minyanim. The goal is to enlighten, educate, and motivate others to join us. Please come and fulfill the important mitzvah of praying with a minyan. You will be surprised by the unexpected benefits.

Let’s celebrate a small success this week.

Our member, Eliahu Scheinberg was seeking a strong minyan for his mother’s yahrzeit this past Sunday, February 4th. Thanks to Howard Sandler’s outreach, we had minyan attendance of 17 men. Yasher Koach to the minyan men.

We often have non-member guests joining our minyan for Kaddish. Please make an effort to join us to help insure a minyan for everyone.

To share your thoughts with our NHBZ kehillah (community), please contact Bruce Waxman brucewaxman@waxmanaassociates.com or Alan Zarkowsky avzark@aol.com



THE SISTERHOOD SCOOP

FEBRUARY 10



Volume 7

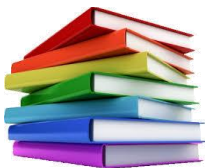
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Book Club on Zoom Jan. 29

The Sisterhood Book Club met last Monday on Zoom to discuss the book, **People Love Dead Jews: Reports from a Haunted Present** by Dara Horn. **Sharon Summers** led the discussion, providing fascinating background and analysis about many of the topics in the book – from Harbin, China, Varian Fry, and Shakespeare's Shylock to Holocaust museums, Jewish surnames, and Anne Frank. Many thanks to **Sharon** and to **Linda Shore** and all those who joined the conversation. **Watch this space for details** about upcoming book selections and locations of Book Club discussion meetings. For more info, call Fran Alper at 314-993-4024, or email: fran.alper@outlook.com or sisterhood@nhbz.org.



All women are welcome to join us!

NHBZ Sisterhood is invited to attend the...

Chesed Women's Social
HAMANTASCHEN MAKING
Wednesday, March 6, 2-4PM



FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
KINDLY RSVP BY FEB. 26

Email: office@nhbz.org, Phone: 314-991-2100x2

SPECIAL GUEST:

CHANALA RUBENFELD,

Rebbetzin at Chabad of Chesterfield

Purim Cards will be available for purchase!

Be Happy
IT'S ADAR

**"משנכנס אדר
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MISHPATIM: Contemplating Mortality

I have been to far too many funerals.

Maybe it's a function of getting older and thus having met more people, and it's probably also the nature of my job, but both in my professional and personal capacity, it feels like I've experienced an endless cycle of tragedy, grieving, cemeteries and *shivah* visits.

What has struck me as I sit listening to memories and eulogies is that mourners seem to care about one thing. No matter what people did for a living or the way they passed away, all that everyone left behind wants to talk about is the way they acted toward others.

Some people die young; others at more advanced ages. Some pass away suddenly, while others suffer for years. Rich and poor people; newlyweds and great-grandparents; world travelers and homebodies; atheists, agnostics and believers; investors, wage slaves and home-makers—it doesn't really matter, because all that people want to remember when you've gone is what you were like as a person and how much you did for others.

After you die, it really doesn't matter anymore what marks you earned on your exams, but I can guarantee that the good times you shared with your schoolmates will live on beyond you. Where you went on your holidays is meaningless, but who's standing next to you in the foreground of those touristy pictures suddenly means so much more. Your co-workers will miss you less for the value you brought to the firm than for the way you interacted with them during your downtime in the office.

In this week's Parshah, we read, *"Im kesef talveh et ami, et heoni imoch."* Translated literally, this is an instruction from the Torah to lend money to the poor. However, I recently read a most ingenious homiletic interpretation of these words, attributed to Rabbi Yonasan Eibshutz. He noted that the word *talveh*, "lend" is etymologically related to the word *leviya*, "to accompany." With this variant understanding, the verse reads as a challenge: *Do you think your money will accompany you on your journey from this world? No, it's the people who were with you and the poor people you supported who will be with you into eternity.*

It's not about your money, it's about your mitzvahs. It is not how much you have, but how much you shared. You can't take it with you, but you can make sure your loved ones will remember you fondly, and if they do, they'll remain with you forever.

– Rabbi Elisha Greenbaum, www.chabad.org



Chesed Women's Social **Hamantaschen Making**



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March 6**

2 to 4 PM

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Sunday, Feb 25th • 5:00-7:00 pm

\$15 ALL ADULTS \$8 KIDS AGES 3-12 - KIDS UNDER 3 FREE!

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28th
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DINNER



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Sunday
MARCH 10

CLAYTON PLAZA HOTEL
7750 Carondelet Avenue
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5PM Hors D'oeuvres
6PM Dinner

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