



NHBZ Weekly News

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion
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March 23, 2024 • 15 Adar 2 5784 • Candle Lighting 6:57 pm • Shabbos Concludes 8:02 pm

Parashas Vayikra
 Haftorah Vayikra

leviticus 1:1 – 5:26
 Isaiah 43:21 – 44:23

Chumash p. 544 - 567
 Chumash p. 1165 - 1166

We thank the following for sponsoring Kiddush this week:

*Jennifer & Bryson Hartranft, Rachael Pevnick, Kenny & Barb Bressler,
 Les and Sari Neudorf in honor of their anniversary,
 and Alan & Vivian Zarkowsky in honor of Alan's 75th birthday.*

We also thank *Les and Sari Neudorf* for sponsoring the bulletin

Prayer

Friday, March 22

- 7:00 am Shachris
- 6:45 pm Mincha
- 6:57 pm Candle Lighting

Shabbos, Saturday, March 23

- 9:00 am Shachris followed by Musaf
 - ☆ Thank you to the St Louis Kollel for leading this week's Shabbos services
- 10:00 -10:45 am: **Rabbi David:** Downstairs
- 1:40 pm Mincha
- 8:02 pm Shabbos concludes
- 8:30 pm Ma'ariv
- 8:45 pm Megillah reading

Sunday, March 24

- 8:00 am Shachris
- 8:30 am Megillah reading
- 4:00 pm Mincha

Minyan Times March 22– March 30:

	Fri Mar 22	Shabbos Mar 23 [^]	Sun Mar 24 [*]	Mon Mar 25	Tues Mar 26	Wed Mar 27	Thu Mar 28	Fri Mar 29	Shabbos Mar 30
Shachris (am)	7:00	9:00	8:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	9:00
Mincha/Ma'ariv (pm)	6:45	-	-	-	7:00	7:00	7:00	6:50	6:50
Mincha only	-	1:40	4:00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ma'ariv only	-	8:30	***	7:45	-	-	-	-	-

[^] Erev Purim * Purim *** Ma'ariv following Seudah

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

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Congregation News

Milestones This Week:

Happy Birthday!

Alan Zarkowsky	Mar 23
Marcia Lyons	Mar 24
Alla Yasinev	Mar 26
Mimi Fiszal	Mar 27

Happy Anniversary!

Ronald & Ina Makovsky	Mar 25
Stanley & Ronald Goldfader	Mar 25
Daniel & Marcela Morgensztern	Mar 28

Yahrzeits Observed This Week:

Fri eve Mar 22- Sat Mar 23

13 Adar 2 Shirley Langfeld
13 Adar 2 Charlotte Winick
13 Adar 2 Yelizaveta Yasinev

Sat eve Mar 23 - Sun Mar 24

14 Adar 2 Clara Barenholz
14 Adar 2 Bernard Cohen
14 Adar 2 Jerome Cohen
14 Adar 2 June Keisch
14 Adar 2 Betty Margul
14 Adar 2 Haviv Tzadok
14 Adar 2 Dave Weiner

Mon eve Mar 25 - Tues Mar 26

16 Adar 2 Wilbert Kline
16 Adar 2 David Siffer
16 Adar 2 Alan Spritz

Wed eve Mar 27 - Thurs Mar 28

18 Adar 2 Sidney Kleg
18 Adar 2 Minnie Pevnick
18 Adar 2 Sam Sherp

SAVE THE DATE!

- ✧ **Tuesdays at 1:00 pm** join us for Mahjong in the youth lounge.
- ✧ **Shabbos, March 23rd**, Shabbos of Ruach and Inspiration with the St. Louis Kollel- Including Kiddush-Lunch. Please call the office or Rabbi Bogopulsky to sponsor.
- ✧ **Sunday, March 24th at 2:00 pm** the annual Purim Reenactment Parade will take place at the corner of Cornell and Gay in University City and will end at Saxon Court.
- ✧ **Sunday March 31st at 3:15 pm**. Shaving Israel presents: "The Aftermath of October 7th". Event will be held upstairs at NHBZ. Security will be provided.
- ✧ **Sunday, March 31st 5:00-7:00 pm** NHBZ Pizza Night. Email Nora at office@nhbz.org if you want to volunteer. See flyer for details.
- ✧ **Friday, April 5th**, Shabbos Dinner with Rabbi Dovid Herber. Details to follow.

Parshas Vayikra

The third book of the Torah is called Vayikra. This first word refers to G-d who "called" Moshe to present to him the laws of the Korbonos, the various sacrifices. Hashem called Moshe frequently. Certainly, this is a great compliment to a human being, to be called by G-d. Yet Moshe was a very humble person and, consequently, when he wrote down the word Vayikra, he wrote it with a small "aleph" at the end of the word, and is the way it appears in the Chumash as well as in the text of the Torah. Why? Visually, it looks as if the word is Vayiker rather than Vayikra. It is a lesser praise to say Vayiker than Vayikra. Vayiker means that G-d chanced to meet Moshe, whereas Vayikra means that He called Moshe.

A famous Chassidic teacher, R. Bunin, explains that Moshe Rabbeinu "was not impressed with his own achievements. He remained small in his own eyes, like an ordinary man standing on a high roof. Surely, such a man would take no pride in his height. He knows that it is only the roof which raises him to great heights. Moshe understood his greatness, but he was certain that it was not of his own doing. Rather, it was Hashem who had blessed and raised him. How then could he show pride?"

Why did Hashem request that our ancestors offer sacrifices? There are two distinct opinions – 1) the Rambam, followed by Abarbanel, and 2) the Ramban, supported by Ibn Ezra. The Rambam (Maimonides) states that the Israelites became accustomed to idolatrous sacrifices – a practice universally used for worship in those times. To wean them away, G-d tolerated the sacrifices, but commanded that they be directed to Him, according to His laws – kosher animals to be used and the most humane method of slaughter employed - shechita.

Ramban (Nachmonides) and Ibn Ezra reject this interpretation. The Hebrew word for sacrifice is Korban, which is derived from a root word meaning "to draw near". According to the Ramban, "sacrifices were a positive vehicle through which the sinner could come closer, or return, to G-d. He points out that each mandated step of the sacrificial ritual had a symbolism that had a potent effect upon the penitent. As he acted out these steps, he was overwhelmed with the awareness that he had sinned against G-d with his body, soul, thought and speech. Our sages stress that the sacrifice had to be preceded by restitution of the wrong committed and by repentance, expressed in a confession (Vidui). The thrust of the sacrifice was to affect and change the worshipper, as opposed to pagan sacrifice, where the objective was to affect and placate the idol".

The first portion of Vayikra discusses five major offerings, which were given during the days we had a Mishkan (tabernacle). 1) Olah – the burnt offering to atone for not having lived up to one's potential as a Jew. 2) Neder or Nedava – to show that all of our possessions belong to G-d. 3) Chatas – the sin offering – to atone for accidental sins. 4) Asham – the guilt offering – to atone for specific sins. 5) Todah – thanksgiving offering – to express gratitude to the Almighty.

Provisions are made for the poor who are permitted to bring kosher birds, or even wheat, for their sacrifices in place of expensive animals.

The Rambam rules that when the third Holy Temple will be built it is the Todah, the thanksgiving offering, that will be offered exclusively, expressing our gratitude to Hashem for His goodness.

Rabbi Aaron Borow, Emeritus

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.

A special Yasher Koach to the daveners during the month of March at morning minyan:

Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky

Jon Newman

Howard Sandler

Toby Warticovschi

Bruce Waxman

Dan Winograd

Consider adding your name to the group in April!

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!
- **“Gateway to Tefilla” with Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**, Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Deepen your understanding of the prayers we say.
- **Book of Esther with Rabbi Ze’ev Smason**, Monday-Thursday 3:00 pm (On Zoom!) An online class providing an exciting and informative look into the book of Esther. Thirty-minute sessions on Zoom. Join class via this link:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78974795850?pwd=tw7IIOVumZ8QeIPxHvApYZsox8VUe>
- **Kitzur Shulchan Aruch with Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**, Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays between Mincha and Ma’ariv, and Mondays at 7:30 pm. Invest a few minutes to expand your understanding of Halacha/Jewish Law.
- **Partners in Torah** Monday nights at 8 pm.
- **“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

PURIM is here!!!

Purim commemorates the salvation of the Jewish people in Ancient Persia from Haman's plot to kill all Jews in a single day. Set in Persia 2,300 years ago, the "Megillah" tells how a seemingly unrelated series of events spun together to save the Jewish people from annihilation. Purim is Judaism's most dramatic, fun-filled holiday. Here are the mitzvot and customs of Purim at NHBZ:

1. *Fast of Esther*

- To commemorate the day of prayer and fasting that the Jewish people held in the book of Esther, we fast Thursday, March 21st beginning at 5:42 am and concluding at 7:55 pm.

2. *Read the Book of Esther- Mitzvah of Mikra Megillah*

- It is a Mitzvah to head the Megillah read twice, once at night and once by day!

Saturday, March 23 rd	Sunday, March 24 th
8:30 pm Ma'ariv	8:00 am Shacharis
8:45 pm Megillah Reading	8:30 am Megillah Reading

3. *Give Charity- Mitzvah of Matanot L'Evyonim (to be distributed on Purim Day)*

- NHBZ has, in years past, collected money for Od Yosef Chai, an organization that distributes money to the poor in Israel. Make any checks payable to Rabbi's Charity fund and bring/send them to our office. To donate by credit card, please call Nora at 314-991-2100. The deadline for contributions is Thursday, March 21st.

4. *Send Gifts to Friends- Mitzvah of Mishloach Manot*

- Fulfill the mitzvah of Mishloach Manot! Give actual gifts of food (two kinds of food OR one food and one drink) to at least one friend!

5. *Eat a Festive Meal- Mitzvah of Seudah Purim*

- Sunday, March 24th
- 4:00 pm Mincha
- 4:15 pm Purim Seudah
- Join us for a magical Purim evening, with a magician, costumes, drinks, and food! The festive meal is dedicated by the Cohen-McCary-Swerdlin Families to commemorate the second Yahrzeit of their dear father, Yankel Ben Avraham Ha'Kohen.





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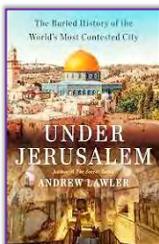
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Book Club Meets This Monday

The Sisterhood Book Club is currently reading ***Under Jerusalem: The Buried History of the World's Most Contested City***, by Andrew Lawler. This intriguing book explores the findings of the many archeologists who studied what lies beneath the modern city and how it all affects today's political and social landscape.

Join us on Monday, March 25, 7:15-8:45 pm, at the home of **Joyce Hochberg** in Olivette. **Sharon Summers** will lead the discussion. We will also be selecting our next book choices, so bring your list of suggestions!



Be sure to RSVP – ASAP!! Call or email... **Joyce Hochberg** at joycesing@hotmail.com, or **Fran** at 314-993-4024, fran.alper@outlook.com or sisterhood@nhbz.org

All women are welcome to join us!

VAYIKRA

The Pursuit of Meaning

“Each of us is unique. Even genetically identical twins are different. There are things only we can do, we who are what we are, in this time, this place, and these circumstances. For each of us G-d has a task: work to perform, a kindness to show, a gift to give, love to share, loneliness to ease, pain to heal, or broken lives to help mend. Discerning that task, hearing Vayikra, G-d's call, is one of the great spiritual challenges for each of us.

How do we know what it is? *Where what we want to do meets what needs to be done, that is where G-d wants us to be.*”

–**Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks** ז”ל

The Pursuit of Meaning, Vayikra, Covenant & Conversation

ZACHOR: Generating Doubt

Parshat Tetzaveh usually precedes Purim, when we read the "maftir" portion describing how Amalek attacked the Jewish people as they left Egypt - even though Amalek lived in a distant land and was under no imminent threat.

So why did Amalek attack?

The Torah says that Amalek attacked the Jews "karcha" - which literally means by way of happenstance. Amalek's entire philosophy is that there is no design or providence in the world. Everything is haphazard, dictated by chance, luck, and fate. That's why Haman, a direct descendent of Amalek, decided to kill the Jews based on a lottery, from which the name "Purim" is derived.

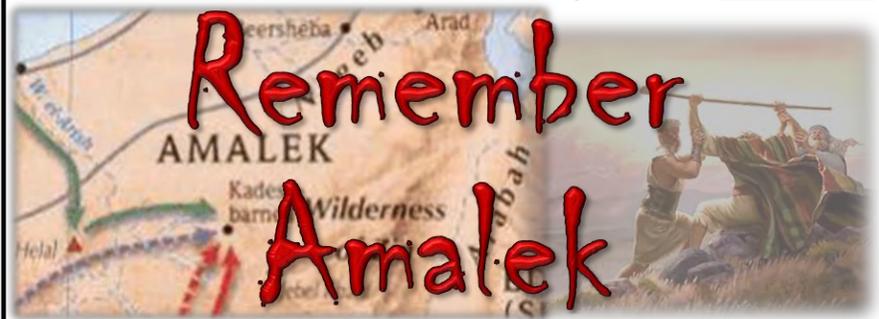
Philosophically, Amalek and the Jewish people stand at opposite ends of the spectrum. Judaism believes that the world has purpose and meaning, and that G-d is intimately involved in our lives. Indeed, that is the very lesson of Purim: Even when things seem bleak, G-d is there, guiding events. With Haman's decree, it seemed that the Jews were doomed. But then there was a dramatic turnabout.

In our own lives, to the extent we may doubt G-d's involvement, is the extent that Amalek's philosophy of randomness is part of us.

The Kabbalists point out the numerical value of Amalek -- 240 -- is the same as *safek*, meaning "doubt." The energy of Amalek is to create doubts about what is true and real in this world, and of G-d's role in directing events in the best possible way.

This concept is so important that one of 613 mitzvot is to remember what Amalek did. And that's what we do, every year, on the Shabbat before Purim. So, let's take this message to heart, and do our part - to fight Amalek's idea of a random world.

– **Rabbi Shraga Simmons**, www.aish.com





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HAPPY PURIM!



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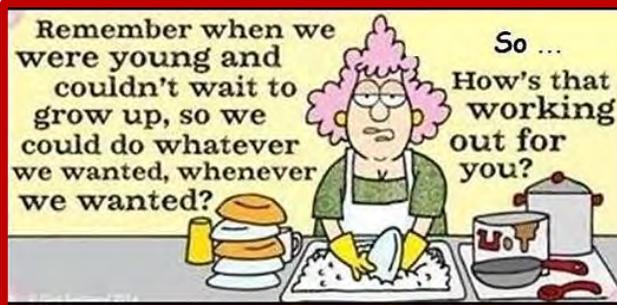
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PURIM IS Here! PURIM IS Here!
 Join us at NHBZ's Magical Seudah & Purim Party – Costumes, Food, & Fun – Sunday, March 24, at 4:15PM



THE MOST EXPENSIVE VEHICLE TO OPERATE, BY FAR, IS THE COSTCO SHOPPING CART.



PURIM JOKES

There was a man who entered a pun contest. He sent in ten different puns, in the hope that at least one of the puns would win. Unfortunately, no pun in ten did. 

Did you hear that archeologists just recently identified the cause of the Dark Ages? It was most definitely the **Y1K** problem. 

Molly: Why do you wear your wedding ring on the wrong finger?
 Polly: I married the wrong man. 

How many telemarketers does it take to change a lightbulb?
 Only one, but she has to do it while you're eating dinner. 

How many Purim revelers does it take to change a lightbulb?
 Fifteen. One to hold the bulb and the rest to drink whiskey until the room spins. 

Yesterday my husband thought he saw a cockroach in the kitchen. He sprayed everything down, disinfected, and thoroughly cleaned the entire room... Today I'm putting the cockroach in the bathroom.

If a man is in the forest, talking to himself, with no woman around, is he still wrong? 

If a woman is in the forest, talking to herself, with no man around, is she still complaining? 

Thank you, Student Loans, for getting me through college. I don't think I can ever repay you.  

ONE LINERS

- Is there another word for "synonym"?
- A Freudian slip is when you say one thing, but you mean your mother.
- The difference between mechanical engineers and civil engineers is that mechanical engineers build weapons and civil engineers build targets.
- Computers can never completely replace humans. They may become capable of artificial intelligence, but they will never master real stupidity.
- Health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- Did you hear about the two silk worms in a race? It ended in a tie!
- It's not the pace of life that concerns me, it's the sudden stop at the end.
- The future, the present and the past walked into a bar. Things got a little tense.
- Economists have forecast nine out of the last five recessions.
- I hope the guy who inverted autocorrect burns in Hello!



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MORE PURIM HIJINKS



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It's PURIM – Put on your MASK!



THINGS PEOPLE SAY IN COURTROOMS 🎉🎉🎉

Attorney: What is your date of birth?

Witness: July 18th

Attorney: What year?

Witness: Every year.

Attorney: How was your first marriage terminated?

Witness: By death.

Attorney: And by who's death was it terminated?

Witness: Take a guess.

Attorney: The youngest son, the 20-year old, how old is he?

Witness: He's 20, much like your IQ.

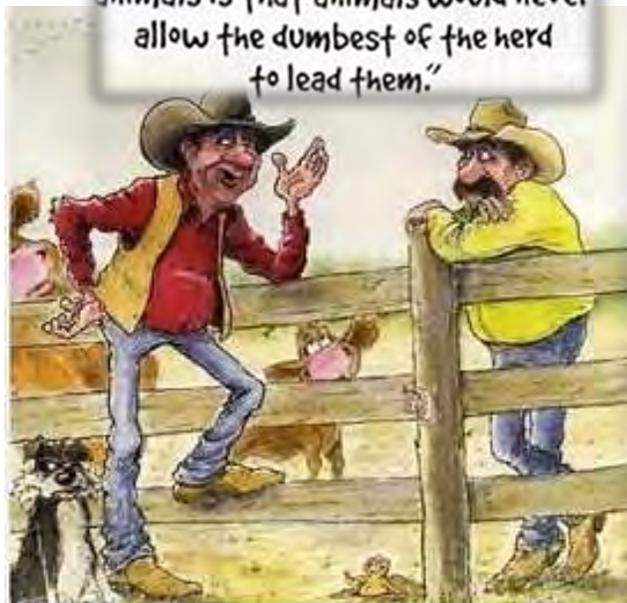
Attorney: How many autopsies have you performed on dead people?

Witness: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

Attorney: Sir, what is your IQ?

Witness: Well, I can see pretty well, I think.

"All I'm saying is that the difference between humans & animals is that animals would never allow the dumbest of the herd to lead them."



...LATE BREAKING BULLETIN



" WELCOME....."



..... BELIEVE ME, YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW"

Oy-moticons



Worrying



Kvelling



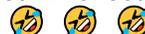
Kvetching



Dieting

ONE LINERS

I'm on a whiskey diet. I've lost 3 days already.



Just sold my homing pigeon on eBay for the 22nd time.



Husband: "Your mother has been with us for 20 years. Isn't it time she got a place of her own?"
Wife: "My mother?"

"I thought she was your mother."



What has four legs and one arm? >>>A Rottweiler



What do the letters DNA stand for?
National Dyslexics' Association.



Have you ever imagined a world with no hypothetical situations?



My wife divorced me for religious reasons. She worshipped money & I didn't have any!



Lady, this vacuum cleaner will cut your work in half. >>> Good. I'll take two of them. 🤪🤪🤪



Hoping



Praying



Cooking brisket



Winking

Sunday, Mar 31st 5:00-7:00 pm

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

Cheese is Cholov Yisroel; pareve crusts available upon request. All food under the supervision of Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky

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EXPRESS HIS GRATITUDE TO
MORDECHAI THE JEW
FOR SAVING THE KING'S LIFE!**



**BY ROYAL DECREE,
MORDECHAI WILL RIDE THROUGH THE STREETS OF THE
KINGDOM, UPON THE ROYAL STEED AND DRESSED IN
THE KING'S OWN GARMENTS,
LED BY THE KING'S REGENT,
HAMAN THE AGGAGITE**

**ON THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF ADAR
SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024**

**THE PROCESSION WILL BEGIN AT 2:00 P.M.
AT THE CORNER OF GAY AND CORNELL
IN UNIVERSITY CITY,
AND WILL END AT SAXONY COURT.**

**ALL LOYAL SUBJECTS OF THE KING
ARE INVITED TO HAIL MORDECHAI AS HE RIDES BY!**

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A COMMUNITY SHABBOS WITH ZMANIM EXPERT

Ray Dovid Heber

PARSHAS SHEMINI - APRIL 6

FRIDAY NIGHT

Seudas Shabbos at Nusach Hari B'nai Zion



Torah & Science

AND ITS APPLICATION TO THE ECLIPSE

SHABBOS MORNING

Drasha and post Kiddush Shiur at U. City Shul



Halachic Issues on the Road:

KASHRUS, TEFILA & SHABBOS

SHABBOS AFTERNOON

Pre-Mincha Shiur at Young Israel



The 2024 Missouri Solar Eclipse

B'HALACHA, AGGADAH & SCIENCE

SHABBOS AFTERNOON

Parsha Shiur at Agudas Israel



Crossing the International Dateline

& WHEN TO KEEP SHABBOS IN HAWAII, NEW ZEALAND AND JAPAN

RABBI DOVID HEBER, born and raised in St. Louis is the Rav of KAYTT in Baltimore and a Kashrus Administrator at Star-K Kosher Certification. He is the author of *The Intriguing World of Jewish Time* and *Sefer Shaarei Zmanim* and is frequently consulted on issues relating to the Jewish Calendar and Halachic times.

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The aftermath of Oct 7th

Program at Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Synagogue,
650 N Price Rd

The program will take place in the Sanctuary, main entrance , upper level (South side).
Overflow parking in the Logos School lot. (*off Bonhomme, steps required*).

Sunday March 31 at 3:30 PM

כ"א באדר ב' תשפ"ד

Please Arrive at 3:15 PM

Registration required—*register at shavingisrael.org*

Security Provided

PROGRAM:

- Opening remarks: Dr. Laura Goldmeier, President of Shaving Israel
- Shaving Israel in Israel after October 7th: an eyewitness report by Meira Ganel
- **FEATURED SPEAKER** Chris Hexter: My grandson Yair Hexter z"l gave his life defending Israel
- Closing remarks: Rabbi Ze'ev Smason, Midwest Regional Vice-President Coalition for Jewish Values, Rabbi Emeritus of Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Register on the Shaving Israel website

Come for the program, stay for the pizza!
Pizza night to NHBZ all you can eat pizza, pasta, and salad available for purchase

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Israeli casualties of
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this difficult time

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