



# NHBZ Weekly News

*Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion*

Affiliated with Union of Orthodox Congregations of America

March 30, 2024 • 20 Adar 2 5784 • Candle Lighting 7:04 pm • Shabbos Concludes 8:08 pm

Parashas Tzav  
Haftorah Parah

Leviticus 6:1 – 8:36  
Ezekiel 36:16 – 38

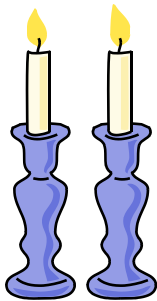
Chumash p. 568 - 587  
Chumash p. 1216 - 1217

We give a belated thank you to **Libby Sorkin Routman** for sponsoring last week's Kiddush

## Prayer

### Friday, March 29

- 7:00 am Shachris
- 6:50 pm Mincha
- 7:04 pm Candle Lighting



### Shabbos, Saturday, March 30

- 9:00 am Shachris followed by Musaf
  - ☆ Pesukei D'Zimra:
  - ☆ Shacharis:
  - ☆ Leyning:
  - ☆ Haftorah: **Reuven Tzadok**
  - ☆ Sermon: **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**
  - ☆ Musaf:
- 10:00 -10:45 am: **Rabbi David:** Downstairs
- 6:50 pm Mincha
- 8:08 pm Shabbos concludes

### Minyan Times March 29– April 6:

	Fri Mar 29	Shabbos Mar 30	Sun Mar 31	Mon April 1	Tues April 2	Wed April 3	Thu April 4	Fri April 5	Shabbos April 6
Shachris (am)	7:00	9:00	8:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	9:00
Mincha/Ma'ariv (pm)	6:50	6:50	7:05	7:45	7:05	7:05	7:05	5:45	6:55

## Congregation News

### Milestones This Week:

#### Happy Birthday!

Amarah Friedman Mar 31  
 Alan Haber Mar 31  
 Dorie Lerner Mar 31  
 Irl Solomon Mar 31  
 Keith Zeff April 1  
 Eliana Brook April 1

#### Happy Anniversary!

Caryn Garriga & Adrian Shifren

Mar 30



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

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## Yahrzeits Observed This Week:

### Fri eve Mar 29- Sat Mar 30

19 Adar 2 Joyce Levine  
19 Adar 2 Sam Rothman

### Sat eve Mar 30 - Sun Mar 31

20 Adar 2 Martin Benson

### Sun eve Mar 31 - Mon April 1

21 Adar 2 Louis Cohen  
21 Adar 2 Marlene Gutterman

### Mon eve April 1 -Tues April 2

22 Adar 2 Stan Gellman  
22 Adar 2 Lillian Pessin  
22 Adar 2 Morris Ringermacher

### Tues eve April 2 -Wed April 3

23 Adar 2 Julius Cohen  
23 Adar 2 Harold Roth  
23 Adar 2 Fannie Spiegelglass

### Wed eve April 3 - Thurs April 4

24 Adar 2 Isadore Cohen  
24 Adar 2 Milton Rosen  
24 Adar 2 Lucille Tullman

### Thurs eve April 4 - Fri April 5

25 Adar 2 Jacob Cohen  
25 Adar 2 Irwin Mitchell

### Parshas Tzav

Much can be learned, in terms of social graces and religious etiquette, from the korban todah, the thanksgiving offering detailed in this week's parshah. Rashi, basing himself on the Talmud, lists the four who bring a todah: one who returns from travel at sea; one who returns from a journey in the wilderness; one who is released from prison; and one who recovers from an illness.

This comment of Rashi requires an explanation. We know that bringing a thanksgiving offering is not obligatory; it is a voluntary heartfelt gesture. The priests and the courts could never demand that someone bring a todah. How can Rashi then imply that specific cases require one to offer an animal as evidence of his thanks?

We might better understand the korban todah as a moral requirement, not a legal one. Accordingly, the Gemara uses the term *tzrichin*, implying that one is expected to bring a todah as prescribed by the Gemara. If the Gemara intended to obligate one to bring an offering in these four cases, it would have used the term *chayavim*, which indicates a halachic imperative. This distinction notwithstanding, one can still claim that offering thanks is, in fact, required.

Our need to thank Hashem and be cognizant of His kindness in an actively expressive way is an ethically binding commitment. The Chovos Halevavos explains that the entire foundation of our service to G-d flows from our recognition that we owe the A-mighty our thanks. Although the bringing of this offering is not, in the formal sense, an obligation, it is nonetheless required as an expression of one's ethical personality. Moreover, the korban todah – an expression of thanks for an event that assumes the importance of a miracle – was eaten only during the very day it was brought. As miracles occur daily for our benefit, the Gerer Rebbe explains, we must recognize and thank Heshem every day for His help. It is not sufficient that we gave thanks yesterday. Every day brings new opportunities to appreciate G-d's goodness to us and we must express our thanks in a timely manner.

Furthermore, the Abarbanel notes, since the meat had to be finished that day, the offerer was encouraged to invite relatives, friends, and neighbors to eat and celebrate with him. They would be curious to know the reason for the celebration, and he would have the opportunity to share the great wonders of G-d that precipitated the offering. Such an experience would engender positive and fruitful discussion and involvement.

Were more time provided to eat the offering, there would be less pressure to share. Implied, then, is an added understanding of the concept, "A mitzvah that presents itself – do not let it sour."

By creating the need to share the korban todah experience, one shares the joy and the example of his appreciation, and thereby expands the faith of the community and its appreciation for G-d's grace and goodness.

**Rabbi Lawrence S. Zierler**

*Kehillat-Yaakov Warrensville Center Synagogue in Cleveland Heights, OH*

## SAVE THE DATE!

- ✧ **Tuesdays at 1:00 pm** join us for Mahjong in the youth lounge.
- ✧ **Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:15 pm.** Shaving Israel presents: “The Aftermath of October 7<sup>th</sup>”. Event will be held upstairs at NHBZ. Security will be provided.
- ✧ **Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 5:00-7:00 pm** NHBZ Pizza Night. **RSVP by April 3<sup>rd</sup>.** See flyer for details.
- ✧ **Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>,** Dinner with Rabbi Dovid Herber. See flyer for details.

## 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! **Will return April 10<sup>th</sup>.**
- **“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: **Will return April 1<sup>st</sup>.**  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78974795850?pwd=tw7lIOVumZ8QeIPxHvApYZsox8VUe>
- **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

**Chag Purim Sameach!**







# THE SISTERHOOD SCOOP

Be Happy, it's Adar!

# MARCH 30



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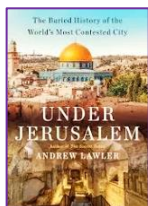
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## Book Club News

Thanks to **Joyce Hochberg** for graciously offering her home to host the March 25<sup>th</sup> Book Club, and thanks to **Sharon Summers** for skillfully leading the discussion of “**Under Jerusalem: The Buried History of the World's Most Contested City**,” by Andrew Lawler.

This riveting book examines the discoveries by the many archeologists who studied what lies beneath the modern city and how it all affects today's political and social landscape.



The next meeting of the Book Club will be **Monday, May 20, 7:15-8:45PM**, at the home of Sallie Volotzky in Creve Coeur. The book is: “**An Unorthodox Match**” by Naomi Ragen, the award-winning novelist, journalist, and playwright.

Mark your calendars for future Book Club Meetings:

**July 22:** *Night Angels: A Novel*, by Weina Dai Randel

**September 23:** *Gates of November*, by Chaim Potok

**November 18:** TBA

For more information, contact Fran Alper at 314-993-4024, [fran.alper@outlook.com](mailto:fran.alper@outlook.com) or [sisterhood@nhbz.org](mailto:sisterhood@nhbz.org)

**All women are welcome to join us!**

## TZAV: The New You

Each and every morning, the first order of the day in the Holy Temple was for the *kohen* (priest) to remove a small portion of the ashes from the altar and place it on the floor just next to the altar. The verse in the Torah portion of Tzav states:

“The *kohen* shall don his linen tunic, and he shall don his linen trousers on his flesh. He shall lift out the ashes into which the fire has consumed the burnt offering upon the altar and put them down next to the altar.” The purpose of this ritual was not merely to tidy up the ashes left over from the fire that had burned all night, for if that was the case the commandment would have been to remove more than just a symbolic amount of ash. In fact, after the priest would remove a small portion of the ashes, the other priests would place the remainder of the ashes in a large heap in the center of the altar.

What, then, is the significance of lifting and removing the ashes? Why is it **so** important that it's the first ritual performed in the Temple, the first step in the service of G-d?

Ashes are what is left over from the previous day's service. Yesterday, your service may have been perfect. Yesterday, you may have actualized your G-d-given potential. Yesterday, you may have achieved all that you possibly could have achieved with your opportunities, talents and strengths.

That was yesterday.

However, if you offer the identical service today – but do not grow spiritually or become more loving, more compassionate, more patient, more thoughtful, more committed – then you are stuck in the past. The first step in serving G-d each morning is the realization that the ashes that represent “the old me” must be removed, in order to clear the way for “the new me,” for the me that will actualize today's even greater potential.

That is why each night the chassidim of the Alter Rebbe, Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi, the founder of the Chabad movement, would tell themselves, “Tomorrow will be totally different.” They did not say “a bit different,” they said “totally different.” They did not feel guilty for not realizing that day's potential, because they **did** realize it; rather, they understood that the next day's potential would be so much greater.

The portion of Tzav is always read in close proximity to the holiday of Passover. Indeed, the message of the ashes is the reason why remembering the exodus from Egypt is so central to Judaism.

In Hebrew, Egypt is *Mitzrayim*, which means “constraints.” You may be a great human being, but if today you are in the same spiritual space that you were in yesterday, you are in Egypt. The Torah therefore insists that you “remember the day you left Egypt all the days of your life.” Each morning when you wake up, remember to remove the ashes. Do not limit yourself to the person you were yesterday.

**Remember the Exodus and break free.**

– **Rabbi Menachem Feldman**, [www.chabad.org](http://www.chabad.org)

## Family

“The home should be perceived as a microcosm of the universe:

The harmony that permeates the home and the family extends beyond, fostering harmony between families, communities and ultimately, the nations of the world. In the absence of harmony between one's own family, we can hardly expect to find harmony between strangers.”

– [www.chabad.org/therebbe](http://www.chabad.org/therebbe)



**Sunday, Mar 31<sup>st</sup> 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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DON'T MISS PIZZA NIGHT!

Nusach Hari  
B'nai Zion

Dine In  
at the shul

# The Lion's Den

KOSHER

# Pizza Night

**ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET**

Includes Pizza, Pasta, Salad and French Fries plus a Dessert and a Beverage

# Returns!







# The aftermath of Oct 7<sup>th</sup>

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](https://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

Shaving Israel  
P. O. Box 6991  
Chesterfield, MO 63006-6991



Israeli casualties of  
October 7th, 2023

How you can help during  
this difficult time

Donate



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Visit our website to **register:**

<https://shavingisrael.org>

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# Jewish Time



A COMMUNITY SHABBOS WITH ZMANIM EXPERT

Ray Dovid Heber

**PARSHAS SHEMINI - APRIL 5**

**FRIDAY NIGHT**

Join us for Seudas Shabbos at Nusach Hari B'nai Zion  
**Torah & Science**  
AND ITS APPLICATION TO THE ECLIPSE

5:45 | Mincha followed by Kabbalas Shabbos & Maariv  
6:45 | Seudas Shabbos

ADULTS \$25 | CHILDREN (4-13) \$18 | CHILDREN UNDER 4 Free | FAMILY MAX \$100  
RSVP BY WEDNESDAY APRIL 3 TO [OFFICE@NHBZ.ORG](mailto:OFFICE@NHBZ.ORG)

**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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# 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 Nora 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.

**314-991-2100, ext. 2**