

NHBZ Weekly News

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

Affiliated with Union of Orthodox Congregations of America

March 9, 2024 • 29 Adar 1 5784 • Candle Lighting 5:44 pm • Shabbos Concludes 6:48 pm

Parashas Vayakhel Exodus 35:1 – 38:20 Chumash p. 516 - 529 Haftorah Vayakhel 2 Kings 11:17 – 12:17 Chumash p. 1212 - 1214

Thank you to

- ☆ Mark Garmaise for sponsoring the father-son teen minyan Kiddush this week in honor of the anniversary of his brother and sister-in-law, Evan Garmaise and Melissa Schapiro
- ☆ Irwin Fredman for enhancing Kiddush in honor of the 70th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah
- All our volunteers for making everything happen- we appreciate your hard work!

Prayer

Friday, March 8

- 7:00 am Shachris
- 5:40 pm Mincha
- 5:44 pm Candle Lighting

Shabbos, Saturday, March 9

- 9:00 am Shachris followed by Musaf

 - ⇔ Shacharis:
- 10:00-10:45 am: Rabbi David: Downstairs
- 5:30 pm Mincha
- 6:48 pm Shabbos concludes



- ☆ Haftorah: Irwin Fredman
- ☆ Sermon: Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky
- ★ Musaf: Menachem Szus
- ★ Learn about the Halachos/Laws and customs of Purim with Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky,
 Sunday, March 10th at 9:00 am followed by breakfast!

Minyan Times March 8- March 16:

	Fri Mar 8	Shabbos Mar 9	Sun Mar 10*	Mon Mar 11^	Tues Mar 12	Wed Mar 13	Thu Mar 14	Fri Mar 15	Shabbos Mar 16
Shachris (am)	7:00	9:00	8:00	6:45	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	9:00
Mincha/Ma'ariv (pm)	5:40	5:30	6:45	7:45	6:45	6:45	6:45	6:40	6:35

*Daylight Savings Begins ^Rosh Chodesh

Congregation News

Milestones This Week:

Happy Birthday! Happy Anniversary! Lois Perryman Evan Garmaise & Melissa Schapiro Mar 9 Mar 9 Rabbi Avi Okin Mar 10 Ram & Sally Volotzky Mar 13 Ephraim Mufson Mar 12 Rabbi Ze'ev & Chani Smason Mar 13 Mar 13 Helen Bolt Mar 13 Dan & Melanie Winograd Rebecca Liberman Mar 14 Alex Lyss Mar 14 Jack Lyss Mar 14

Yahrzeits Observed This Week:

Thurs eve Mar 7- Mar 8					
28 Adar 1	Edythe Ferman				
28 Adar 1	Anna Rappaport				
28 Adar 1	Sidney Schwartz				
28 Adar 1	Mary Caroline Taller				

Fri eve Mar 8- Sat Mar 9 29 Adar 1 Seymour Bailis 29 Adar 1 Shirlee Baker 29 Adar 1 Louis David Spritz 29 Adar 1 Shirley Troyan

Sat eve Mar 9- Sun Mar 10

30 Adar 1 Morris Goldfader

Mon eve Mar 11- Tues Mar 12

2 Adar 2 Stanley Farbstein2 Adar 2 Dina Rothman

Tues eve Mar 12 - Wed Mar 13

3 Adar 2 Ben Packman3 Adar 2 Sophie Schneider3 Adar 2 Saul Steinberg

Wed eve Mar 13 - Thurs Mar 14

4 Adar 2 Theodore Harris

SAVE THE DATE!

- Tuesdays at 1:00 pm join us for Mahjong in the youth lounge.
- ⇔ Be Prepared for Purim: Crash course review of the Halachos/Laws and customs of Purim, taught by Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky followed by breakfast on Sunday March 10th at 9:00 am

- ⇔ Shabbos with St. Louis Kollel, Shabbos, March 23rd.
- ★ NHBZ Purim Seudah, Sunday March 24th, which is dedicated by the
 Cohen-McCary-Swerdlin Families to commemorate the second Yahrzeit of their dear
 father, Yankel Ben Avraham Ha'Kohen. RSVP by March 15th and see flyer for
 further details.
- Pizza Night Sunday, March 31st 5:00-7:00 pm. Email Nora at office@nhbz.org if you want to volunteer. See flyer for details.

Parashas Vayakhel

Vayak'hel begins with Moses assembling the entire nation of Israel to transmit the details of the construction and fabrication of the Mishkan as described in the three previous Torah portions. However, Moses first cautions them about the fundamental mitzvah to observe Shabbat. The nation is reminded that although the construction of the Mishkan is of transcendent importance, it does not take precedence over the weekly observance of Shabbat. The portion describes that the Jewish people came forward with their generous contributions for the Mishkan's construction, producing a surplus of supplies. The craftsmen are selected, and the building begins.

Rabbi Ze'ev Smason, Emeritus



Clean Speech St. Louis Vol. 3

"Words of Peace/Oseh Shalom"

begins March 1st

A community-wide campaign to give us the tools to create more positive relationships. Learn practical ways to make our world a place of Shalom.

Sign up now to take the 30-day Clean Speech challenge.

Go to cleanspeech.com/stl



PURIM Cards Available !!!

The Chesed committee is now selling Purim cards! Cards are available for \$5 each.

Email Nora at office@nhbz.org or call 314-991-2100 claim yours!





FEBRUARY 2024 TRIBUTES

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IN HONOR OF (con't.)

Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky

Tony Granillo

Devora Leah Bogopulsky's Bat Mitzvah

Marvin & Doris Lerner

Ze'ev Smason- in appreciation of his class

Marvin B Leby

Nancy & Jason Rush Daughter's

Engagement

Bob & Joni Kaiser

Happy Birthday Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

Judith Levin

Dr. Jay Pepose & Dr. Susan Feigenbaum

Happy Birthday Max Amon

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Happy Birthday Shirley Blustein

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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 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: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78974795850?pwd=tw7IIOVumZ8QeIPxHvApYZsox8VUe m.1
- **Kitzur Shulchan Aruch with Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**, Sundays before Ma'ariv. Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 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.
- "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

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.

Join our Minyan group chat!

Scan the QR code to request to join

Or reach out to Alan Zarkowsky to be invited!

NHBZ MINYAN

WhatsApp group





Installation Shabbos

Join us for Kiddush-Lunch on March 16 as we install NHBZ Officers and Directors for 2024

"All who occupy themselves with the affairs of the community shall be engaged with them for the sake of Heaven." (Pirkei Avos 2:2)

Officers

President Vice Presid

Board of Directors

Trustees

Leonard Alper Dr. Craig Berkin Janet Haber Robert Kaiser Mark Ragin Irwin Rosen Menachem Szus Jay Umansky Alan Zarkowsky

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
 - o 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
 - o 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.







THE SISTERHOOD SCOOF MARCH 9

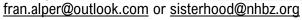
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Book Club Selects Next Book

The Sisterhood Book Club will be reading *Under Jerusalem: The Buried History of the World's Most Contested City*, by Andrew Lawler. The discussion will be **Mon, Mar. 25, 7:15-8:45 pm**, at the home of *Joyce Hochberg* in Olivette.

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.

For more information call Fran Alper at 314-993-4024 or



All women are welcome to join us!



Breaking in Order to Build

"Unlike the other furnishings of the Tabernacle, the dimensions of the Ark were all incomplete measurements. Inasmuch as the Ark housed the Torah, this alludes to the idea that the Torah must "break" us: It must be learned in such a way that it breaks our ingrained habits and negative personality traits."

— from the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

adapted by Moshe Wisnefsky, www.chabad.org

VAYAKEL: Gathering Together

The Parshah this week begins with an immense gathering of the entire Jewish people. The opening words tell us that Moses assembled everyone together. It must have been a remarkable sight: the huge crowd, Moses himself addressing them, and Mount Sinai in the background.

There were several reasons for this gathering. One was because the Jewish people had just lived through very stormy and unsettling events. About three months previously a large proportion of the nation had served the Golden Calf, causing Moses to break the Tablets of the Law. Some people had been executed, and others died when they drank water in which the dust of the ground-up idol had been mixed.

Then followed a long period during which Moses, alone on Mount Sinai, pleaded with G d on behalf of the nation. Finally, Moses received the second set of Tablets as a sign that the people had been forgiven by G d. On the tenth of the Hebrew month of Tishrei, the day which was later to be Yom Kippur, Moses descended the mountain carrying these second Tablets of the Law. His face shone brightly with a spiritual radiance which was so intense that he had to wear a veil.

On the next day came the vast gathering described in our Torah reading. Moses spoke to the people about building the Sanctuary and also about keeping Shabbat. No doubt this had the effect of reassuring everyone, and of refocusing attention on the Divine task in which they were involved: to build a dwelling for the Divine Presence.

The Sages point out that this gathering in which the people heard about Shabbat hints at the fact that later on in history we would gather together on Shabbat. We gather in the Synagogue or the Study House, hearing teachings from the rabbi. We also gather at the Friday Night table. This family "assembly" has also in some ways the same function as that remarkable gathering of long ago described in the Parshah. After all the ups and downs of the week, we come together to refocus, to remember who we are and where we are going.

— Dr. Tali Loewenthal, www.chabad.org

"Parshat Shekalim" is the first of four special readings added during or immediately before the month of Adar. The Shekalim reading is related to Purim. According to the Talmud, Haman's decree was averted in merit of the mitzvah of machatzit hashek.





There is no cost for the Seudah.
RSVPs ARE REQUIRED.

Sponsorships are welcome to help defray the cost.

Please contact the office with the amount you would like to sponsor.

RSVP by March 15th

Call: 314-991-2100 or Email: office@NHBZ.org

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STAY TUNED!

MAGILLAH READING TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED!

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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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The aftermath of Oct 7th

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

downstairs - at the lower level

Sunday March 31 at 3:30 PM

כ"א בַּאֲדָר ב' תשפ"ד Please Arrive at 3:15 PM Registration required

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"I 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



Visit our website to **register**: https://shavingisrael.org

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Open to ALL High School Students

In this crash course on Israel and antisemitism, participants will develop an understanding of the history of the land and state of Israel and Zionism. This will serve as a backdrop to explore October 7 and antisemitism today.

Class Dates: 2/26, 3/4, 3/11, 3/25,

4/1, 4/8 and 4/15

6:45: Pizza Dinner

7:00pm-8:30pm: Class

Where: Congregation B'nai Amoona

Questions? Liessa@bnaiamoona.com RabbiMike@jsustl.org 314-498-6279

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