

## NHBZ Weekly News

#### Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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Parashas Acharei Haftorah Acharei Leviticus 12:1 – 13:58 Il Kings 4:42 – 5:19 Chumash p. 608 - 619 Chumash p. 1170 - 1172

#### **Prayer**

#### Friday, May 3

- 7:00 am Shachris
- 6:10 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
- 7:37 pm Candle Lighting



#### Shabbos, Saturday, May 4

- 9:00 am Shachris Torah Reading Musaf

  - ★ Leyning
  - ☆ Haftorah
- 10:00 am Rabbi David:
- 7:25 pm Mincha- Shalosh Seudos Ma'ariv
- 8:42 pm Shabbos concludes

#### Minyan Times May 4 - May 11:

	Fri	Shabbos	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Shabbos
	May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6*	May 7	May 8 <sup>^</sup>	May 9 <sup>^</sup>	May 10	May 11
Shachris (am)	7:00	9:00	8:00	7:00	7:00	6:45	6:45	7:00	9:00
Mincha/Ma'ariv (pm)	6:10	7:25	6:10	7:45	6:10	6:10	6:10	6:10	7:30

\*Yom HaShoah ^Rosh Chodesh

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

- **▼ Tuesdays at 1:00 pm** join us for Mahjong in the youth lounge.
- ★ Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm Community-wide Yom HaShoah event at the St. Louis Jewish Federation. See flyer for details. RSVP <a href="here">here</a>.
- ★ Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 2:00 6:00 pm Blood drive at Aish HaTorah Jewish Learning Center in memory of Arianna "Ari" Dougan. See flyer for details
- ★ Shabbos, May 18<sup>th</sup> Join us in celebrating a Yom Ha'Atzmaut themed Shabbat. Please call or email the office if you wish to sponsor this celebration
- ★ Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, Pizza Night from 5:00 7:00 pm! To volunteer email Nora at office@nhbz.org

## **Congregation News**

#### **Milestones This Week:**

#### Happy Birthday!

Boruch Smason	May 5	James Pollock	May 8
Rubin Amon	May 5	Shawn Pernik	May 9
Daniel Chayet	May 7	Linda Szus	May 9
Denny Feit	May 8	Jerry Tullman	May 9



#### Happy Anniversary!

Craig & Marsha Feenberg May 4 Victor & Anna Rose Tendler May 7

#### Yahrzeits Observed This Week:

#### Thurs eve May 2 - Fri May 3

25 Nissan Helen Heitner 25 Nissan Goldie Hogan 25 Nissan Beatrice Weiner

#### Sat eve May 4 -Sun May 5

27 Nissan Fay Petrovsky

#### Sun eve May 5 -Mon May 6

28 Nissan Ethel Brody 28 Nissan Michael Frederick 28 Nissan Sarah Grus 28 Nissan Sara "Sonia" Katz

28 Nissan Abraham Ring

#### Mon eve May 6- Tues May 7

29 Nissan Ada Kramer

#### Tues eve May 7 – Wed May 8

30 Nissan Doborah Kogan 30 Nissan Jerome Levin 30 Nissan Mary Solomon 30 Nissan Jennie Tolpin

#### Wed eve May 8 - Thurs May 9

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#### **Daily Minyan Moving Back Downstairs**

Beginning with Shacharis on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> (the day after Pesach) our daily minyan will move back to our Chapel on the lower level. That's Shacharis Sunday through Friday mornings and Mincha/Maariv Sunday through Thursday evenings. Shabbos and Yom Tov will remain upstairs in our main Sanctuary.

Shacharis times remain the same: Sunday at 8:00 am, Monday through Friday at 7:00 am and Shabbos/Yom Tov at 9:00 am. Check the bulletin for Mincha/Maariv times. (It's always a good idea to double check the time due to occasional necessary changes.)

Thank you to everyone who helps maintain our daily minyan. If you are not yet part of this exceptional, wonderful group, please join us. Let Rabbi Bogopulsky, Howard Sandler, or Alan Zarkowsky know which minyanim we can count on you attending. Whether you attend every minyan or once a week, everyone is welcomed and greatly appreciated.

### **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. 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=tw7IIOVumZ8QelPxHvApYZsox8VUe
- **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

#### **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.





Join our WhatsApp Group to stay updated on daily Minyan information!

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

# MAY 4



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#### Sisterhood Book Club News

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"— a powerful and moving novel of faith, love, boundaries, and acceptance — by awardwinning novelist, journalist, and playwright, Naomi Ragen.



Mark your calendars for future Book Club Meetings: July 22: <u>Night Angels</u>: A Novel, by Weina Dai Randel September 23: <u>Gates of November</u>, by Chaim Potok November 18: TBA

For more information, contact Fran Alper: 314-993-4024, <a href="mailto:fran.alper@outlook.com">fran.alper@outlook.com</a> or <a href="mailto:sisterhood@nhbz.org">sisterhood@nhbz.org</a>

All women are welcome to join us!



#### The Seven Basic Emotions of Human Experience

- Chesed Loving-kindness
- Gevurah Justice and discipline
- Tiferet Harmony, compassion
- Netzach Endurance
- Hod Humility
- Yesod Bonding
- Malchut Sovereignty, leadership

At the root of all forms of enslavement, is a distortion of these emotions. Each of the seven weeks between Passover and Shavuot is dedicated to examining and refining one of them.

"If the symbol of Jewish timelessness is the everlasting light, the symbol of Jewish time is the counting of the Omer."

- Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks zt"l

# Remember to Count the Omer ...and to make these days count

The Torah commands that from the second night of Passover until the day before the holiday of Shavuot, we, the Jewish people, engage in the unique mitzvah of Sefirat HaOmer (counting of the Omer) for seven complete weeks – 49 days. At the end of this time we celebrate Shavuot, which means "weeks."

Why do we count these days? We learn several reasons. The foremost is that the count demonstrates our thrill for the impending occasion of receiving the Torah, celebrated on Shavuot. Just as a child often counts the days until the end of school or an upcoming family vacation, we count the days to show our excitement at again receiving the Torah (as we do in fact receive the Torah in a renewed sense every year).

We also learn that this period is meant to spiritually prepare and refine ourselves. When the Jewish people were in Egypt, nearly 3,400 years ago, they had assimilated many of the immoral ways of the Egyptian people. The Jews had sunk to an unprecedented level of spiritual defilement and were on the brink of destruction. At the last possible moment, the children of Israel were miraculously redeemed. They underwent a spiritual rebirth and quickly ascended to the holiest collective state they had ever reached. They were so holy, in fact, that they were compared to angels when they stood at the foot of Mt. Sinai to receive the Torah.

The commandments of the Torah are not meant merely as our history, but instead represent on ongoing life lesson for every Jew. We view the Torah as freshly received every day of our lives, and approach it and its commandments with appropriate vigor.

So too must we digest the lesson of the counting of the Omer. It is specifically during this time that we strive to grow and mature in our spiritual state. The Torah does not allow us to become satisfied with our current level of spirituality. Instead, it tells us to set high goals for ourselves, and then methodically strive to reach [those goals].

The growth that occurs during this time is akin to a marathon. We pace ourselves and seek to improve day by day until we reach the day that we again receive the Torah. In this process, we look deep within ourselves and work on all of our negative attributes. If we are challenged in the realm of acts of kindness, we go out of our way to do more charitable works. If we are lacking in the area of justice, we hold ourselves to the highest possible standards and are exacting and demanding in our personal behavior and habits. And so it goes for all of our traits.

— adapted from Yeruchem Eilfort (www.chabad.org)

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# **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</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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YOM HASHOAH COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENT

# Save MAY 6

Doors open 5:45 PM | Program starts 6:00 PM

The Juniors and Seniors of Kadimah High School present their Holocaust Film Projects.

