



# NHBZ Weekly News

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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## PARSHAS TOLDOS

November 29-30, 2024  
Candle Lighting 4:22 PM

28-29 Cheshvan 5785  
Shabbos Concludes 5:24 PM



### Shabbos Programming

Soul Building with Rabbi Travis 10:00 AM  
"Nature or Nurture"

Childcare 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

### Torah Portions

Torah Reading Genesis 25:19-28:9	124-143
Haftorah: Samuel I 20:18-42	1207-1208

### Prayer Times

Friday, November 8

Mincha/Maariv 4:20 PM

Candle Lighting 4:22 PM

Shabbos, November 9

Shachris/Mussaf 9:00 AM

Drasha by Rabbi Feigenbaum

Mincha 4:00 PM

Shalosh Seudos and Learn after  
Mincha  
by Rabbi Nimchinsky

Shabbos Concludes 5:24 PM

# Minyan Times November 10-16

	Sun Dec 1 Rosh Chodesh	Mon Dec 2 Rosh Chodesh	Tues Dec 3	Wed Dec 4	Thurs Dec 5	Fri Dec 6	Shabbos Dec 7
Shachris	8:00	6:45	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	9:00
Mincha/ Maariv	4:20	4:20	4:20	4:20	4:20	4:20	4:00

## Congregation News

### Yahrzeits Observed This Week

Thurs eve Nov 28- Fri Nov 29  
28 Cheshvan - Rivkah Rosen

Fri eve Nov 29 - Sat Nov 30  
29 Cheshvan - Sarah Feder  
29 Cheshvan - Emil Routman

Sun eve Dec 1 - Mon Dec 2  
1 Kislev - Clara Kovinsky  
1 Kislev - Libby Mankovsky  
1 Kislev - Julius Saltzman

Tues eve Dec 3 - Wed Dec 4  
3 Kislev - Nettie Cohen  
3 Kislev - Benjamin Horwitz  
3 Kislev - Norvel Levine

Wed eve Dec 4 - Thurs Dec 5  
4 Kislev - Rae Izenon

### Happy Birthday!

Gail Rose - December 2  
Menachem Szus - December 2  
Maxwell Goldman - December 4

### Happy Anniversary!

Leonid & Stella Vladimirov - December 3  
Scott & Leslie Gitel - December 4



## Ongoing Classes

### Sundays

Rabbi Swidler's "Learning Mishna"  
after Shachris

### Mondays

Partners in Torah  
8:00-9:00 PM

### Tuesdays

Rabbi Sentell's "Chumash in the  
Original"  
12:00-12:45 PM

### Wednesdays

Rabbi Feigenbaum's "The Torah's  
wisdom for our everyday life"  
7:00 PM

### Mondays-Thursdays

Rabbi Smason's "The Book of  
Judges"  
Zoom Class 3:00 PM

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78974795850?  
pwd=tw7lIOVumZ8QelPvHvAp  
YZsox8VUem.1](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78974795850?pwd=tw7lIOVumZ8QelPvHvApYZsox8VUem.1)

## Introduction to the Office Administrator

Hi, my name is Devorah Yasinev, and I'm originally from Toronto, Canada. I'm the wife of Jonathan, and mother to Elisheva and Moshe. Jonathan and I have been married for a bit over 3 years now and have enjoyed making St. Louis our home. I have a bachelor's degree in Jewish studies, and am close to finishing my second degree in Criminology and Policing. When I get the chance I enjoy baking, family trips, and trying new things, but it has recently been a lot more of navigating life as a working mother. So far I have enjoyed my new role at Nusach Hari and hope to continue playing a pivotal role in your shul.

I look forward to meeting you and seeing you at  
Shul.  
Devorah

## Save the Date!

Mimi David's Masquerade Class  
December 5th and 19th – 2:00 PM

Chanukah Party – December 29  
Don't forget to RSVP

Board Installation Lunch – January 18





# THE SISTERHOOD SCOOP

# NOVEMBER 30



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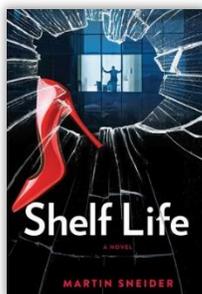
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## NHBZ Book Club News

The Book Club is honored to host notable fashion retail legend, shoe maven, and member of NHBZ as the featured presenter for the January Book Club meeting! **Martin Sneider** will discuss his first novel, **Shelf Life**, a Jewish-American family saga about the rise of its fashion retailing empire and how it splits and impacts the family.



The Book Club will meet on Sunday afternoon, **January 26, 2025, at 3:30PM, at NHBZ**. This new time and date for January will allow Book Club members to get together during daylight and enjoy NHBZ's All-You-Can-Eat-Kosher-Buffer Pizza Night following the discussion!

### Book Club dates for 2025

Sunday, Jan. 26, at 3:30PM prior to **Pizza Night!**

All subsequent Book Club dates meet on Monday nights, 7:15-8:45PM – locations TBA:

- March 24 – **Before the Storm**, James Shipman
- May 19
- July 28
- September 15
- November 24

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

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

“There is one spiritual discipline which religion once gave us and which we still need. It is the simplest act of saying ‘thank you’ to G-d.

There are prayers in which we ask G-d for the things we do not have, but there are others in which we simply thank G-d for the things we do have: family, friends, life itself with its counterpoint of pleasure and pain, the sheer exaltation of knowing that we are here when we might not have been.

Gratitude, the acknowledgment that what we have is a gift, is one of the most profound religious emotions. Making a blessing over life is the best way of turning life into a blessing.”

– **Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks**, z”l, from “Celebrating Life”

## TOLDOS: *The True Heir*

When Jacob outsmarted Esau and received his father Isaac's blessings, Esau was outraged . "He cried out a great and bitter cry, and he said to his father, 'Bless me too, O my father!'... And Esau raised his voice and wept." Esau had been anticipating these blessings for many years, and for decades long Esau had feigned religious observance because he wanted his father to believe that he was worthy of these blessings. He was utterly devastated when he realized that he, the on-the-ball, worldly hunter, had been outwitted by his religious "goody-goody" brother.

It is remarkable that this person who was a murderer, rapist and glutton was so eager to receive the blessing of a *tzaddik* (righteous person). Esau wasn't out for a large inheritance; after all, Isaac was an elderly, blind person who had nothing to offer other than his blessings. Rather, as someone who was raised in the households of Abraham and Isaac, he was well aware of the value of a *tzaddik's* blessing. Esau was a Jew who was born to a Jewish mother and therefore possessed a Jewish soul which imbued him with a strong belief in G-d and the super-natural. His "Jewish heart," however, did not manifest itself in his immoral lifestyle, which was contrary to all he had learned in his father's home. He knew what was right but was unwilling to make the necessary sacrifices to live an ethical, spiritual life.

The Divine plan determined that Jacob, not Esau, receive the blessings. For Jacob was a Jew not only at heart, but in practice as well. With faith alone we cannot accomplish the mission of revealing G-dliness in this world and transforming ourselves and the world around us into a Divine abode. Only through actually practicing Torah and mitzvot can this goal be achieved.

In microcosm, many can relate to Esau's dilemma. Most people know what is proper, but oftentimes lack the strength and willpower to implement that which is proper into their daily lives. We must always remember that only the practice of Torah and mitzvot makes us a worthy receptacle for Divine blessings. Faith isn't a product of our labor; it naturally exists within every Jew due to our G-dly soul which was instilled within us. Blessings must be earned. Only the hard work of applying the faith in everyday life makes a person worthy of all of G-d's blessings.

– **Rabbi Naftali Silberberg**, [www.chabad.org](http://www.chabad.org)



 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL  
*Gala*  
1 YEAR LATER

★  
SUNDAY  
DEC 8  
2024

5:30 PM  
DINNER  
& PROGRAM

THE FACTORY  
17105 NORTH OUTER 40 ROAD  
CHESTERFIELD, MO 63005 ★

**HONORING** 

**TRACI GOLDSTEIN**  
*Israel Advocacy Award*

**RICHARD SENTUIRA**  
*Jewish Engagement Award*

KINDLY RSVP BY NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> • [JSUSTL.ORG/GALA](https://jsustl.org/gala)



# HAPPY CHANUKAH



**PIZZA**

**ICE CREAM**

**LATKES**



**BINGO**

**TRIVIA**

**PRIZES**



**WAY COOL BALLOONS BY MIKE GEERLOF  
MUSIC BY HOWARD**

**AND SO MUCH MORE!**



**SUNDAY DECEMBER 29, 2024**

**12:00 - 3:00 PM**



**ADULTS: \$15 CHILDREN AGED 3-12: \$8  
\$50 CAP PER FAMILY**



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