



NHBZ Weekly News

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

Affiliated with Union of Orthodox Congregations of America

## Parshas Mishpatim

February 21-22, 2025  
Candle Lighting 5:28 PM

23-24 Shevat 5785  
Shabbos Concludes 6:28PM

### Bulletin Sponsorship

The bulletin this week is sponsored by  
Sally Needle in memory of her father,  
Harry Needle, Aryeh ben Eliyahu z"l's  
yahrzeit

### Shabbos Programming

Soul Building with Rabbi Travis  
"Soul Building for the Departed  
(What We Do For Our Relatives After Their Death)"  
10:00 AM

Childcare 10:00 AM-11:30 AM  
Weather Permitting

### Torah Portions

Torah Reading Exodus 21:1-24:18	416 - 442
Haftorah: Jeremiah 34:8-22, 33:25-26	1156 - 1157

### Prayer Times

Friday, February 21

Mincha/Maariv 5:25 PM

Candle Lighting 5:28 PM

Shabbos, February 22

Shachris/Mussaf 9:00 AM

Drasha by the Distinguished  
Rabbi Miller

Mincha 5:05 PM

Shalosh Seudos and Learn  
after Mincha  
by the Distinguished  
Rabbi Nimchinsky

Shabbos Concludes 6:28 PM

## Minyan Times February 16-22

	Sun Feb 23	Mon Feb 24	Tues Feb 25	Wed Feb 26	Thurs Feb 27	Fri Feb 28 Rosh Chodesh	Shabbos Mar 1 Rosh Chodesh
Shachris	8:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	6:45	9:00
Mincha/ Maariv	5:30	5:30	5:30	5:30	5:30	5:30	5:15

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# Congregation News

## Yahrzeits Observed This Week

**Thurs eve Feb 20 - Fri Feb 21**  
**23 Shevat - Harry Needle**

**Fri eve Feb 21 - Sat Feb 22**  
**24 Shevat - Beckie Diamond**

**Sat eve Feb 22 - Sun Feb 23**  
**25 Shevat - Jack Pevnick**

**Sun eve Feb 23 - Mon Feb 24**  
**26 Shevat - Chana Gitel Tullman**

**Mon eve Feb 24 - Tues Feb 25**  
**27 Shevat - Gloria Schnitzer**

**Tues eve Feb 25 - Wed Feb 26**  
**28 Shevat - Garshon Rosen**  
**28 Shevat - Fannie Kotkin**

**Wed eve Feb 26 - Thurs Feb 27**  
**29 Shevat - Al Izenson**  
**29 Shevat - Leo Londe**

## Happy Birthday!

**Andrew Epstein - February 21**  
**Adira Tzivvia Friedman - February 24**  
**Larry Chervitz - February 25**  
**Karen Zeff - February 25**  
**David Pepose - February 27**

## Upcoming Rabbi Weekend

The Search Committee is excited to host our first candidate's visit to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion from **Thursday, March 6 through Sunday, March 9.**

Our members will have the opportunity to meet Rabbi Aron Rubin and his wife and family over the course of Shabbos and different events. This is our opportunity to decide whether we think he is a good fit for our Shul. Similarly, he will also be learning about our community and deciding if this is an opportunity for him and his family. A brief bio and picture are found on page 4. In the meantime, please plan to attend as many of the events as possible.

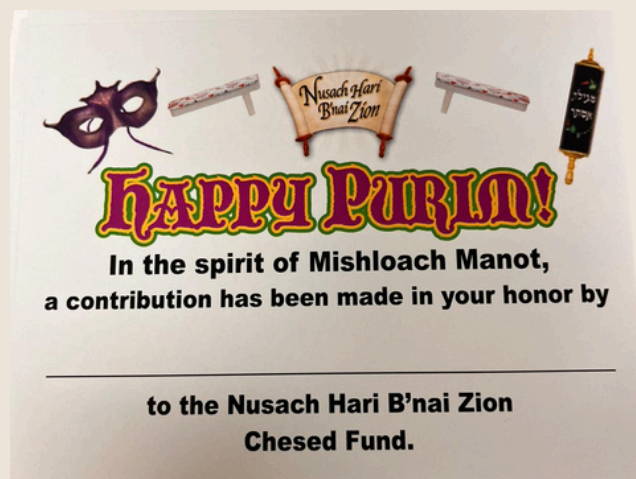
Looking forward. Have a Good Shabbos.

Dan Winograd

Alan Zarkowsky

Co-Chairs of the Search Committee

## Purim Cards for Sale



**Buy your Purim cards today**

**\$5 each**

**5 for \$20**

**10 for \$36**

**Contact the office with any questions**

## Save The Date!

**Kesher Mother Daughter Program**  
**Every Sunday Morning in February**

**Mimi David's Masquerade Class**  
**February 27, March 6, & March 20 -**  
**2:00 PM**

**Sunday Shachris/Breakfast**  
**March 2 - 8:00 AM**

**Shabbos Proba with Rabbi Rubin**  
**March 6-9**

**Women's Hamantaschen Bake**  
**March 11 - 5:30-7:30 PM**

**Purim Breakfast Seuda**  
**March 14- 10:00 AM**

**Keep An Eye Out For Some**  
**More Amazing Events To**  
**Come!**

## 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

**Thursdays**  
Rabbi Hess's Amud-a-Week  
after Maariv

**Mondays-Thursdays**  
Rabbi Smason's "The Book of Judges"  
Zoom Class 3:00 PM  
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[pwd=tw7lIOVumZ8QeIPxHvApYZsox8VU](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78974795850?pwd=tw7lIOVumZ8QeIPxHvApYZsox8VUem.1)  
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# The Rubin Family Bio

Rabbi Aron Rubin grew up in Melbourne, Australia, the land of koalas and reverse gravity. He studied for two years at Yeshivat Har Etzion in Alon Shevut, and attended college in Melbourne, where he earned a bachelor's degree in food science and chemical engineering. While at college, Rabbi Rubin was active in the Melbourne Jewish community, giving Torah classes, and as a counselor in Bnei Akiva. Upon graduating, he decided to follow his passions to become a Rabbi.

After completing college, Rabbi Rubin relocated to New York, where he earned his Semicha (Rabbinic Ordination) from Yeshiva University (and where he met his wife, Leia). He also participated in the combined RIETS/Ferkauf program, designed to further train Rabbis in the area of mental health and counseling. While studying for Semicha, Rabbi Rubin served as a Rabbinic Intern at the Roslyn Synagogue, and at the Great Neck Synagogue, in the New York Area. He also earned a masters degree in Jewish education from Yeshiva University's Azrieli School.

In 2019, Rabbi Rubin and his family moved to Overland Park, Kansas, where he is the Assistant Rabbi at Congregation BIAV, and serves a number of roles in the Kansas Jewish community. He was the Rabbi of the Kansas City Kollel, and taught across a number of ages at Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy. He is currently the Rabbinic Representative at the Vaad HaKashruth of Kansas City, and performs a number of roles for the Vaad.

When not learning or teaching, Rabbi Rubin can be found baking a cake, reading, nurturing one of his indoor plants, or taking care of household responsibilities.

Leia Rubin (Wachsstock) hails all the way from a place called "St. Louis, Missouri". She attended Block Yeshiva High School, and spent one and a half years at Michlalah Seminary in Jerusalem. Leia has a B.A. in Judaic studies from Touro College, and a master's degree in occupational therapy from Touro University. She currently works as an occupational therapist with hospital patients in acute care, and essentially doubles up as a professional weight-lifter (lifting patients for treatment).

Leia is very passionate about teaching Torah and communal involvement. In addition to her work and family responsibilities, Leia is very active in the Overland Park Jewish community. She is involved in youth and women's programming, studies with girls for their Bat Mitzvah, and teaches Torah classes to groups of women.

Rabbi Aron and Leia Rubin have three children: Eitan (6 years old), Yedidya (2 years old), and Atara (2 months old).





## **Announcing...**

### ... a New Donation and Sponsorship Opportunity For Shul Beautification

We thank the Staenberg Family Foundation, which helps support local Jewish organizations, for awarding NHBZ an “Anything Grant.” Our NHBZ Board of Directors identified two immediate needs for our Sanctuary.

- ***A new movable wall that will separate the sanctuary from the social hall***

- ***Four new elegant chairs for the Bima***



The grant will pay up to 50% of the total cost, which we estimate as \$7,300. **The shul will need to raise \$3,650 by 4/21 to receive the grant money.**

You can donate any amount to the Beautification Fund for the bima chairs and movable wall, or you can **dedicate** a bima chair ***‘in memory or in honor of’*** someone; dedication includes an inscribed plaque on the Sanctuary wall. This dedication is usually \$10,000, but now it is only \$8,000 – **until March 30**. Call the Office for details – 314-991-2100, x2.





# THE SISTERHOOD SCOOP

## FEBRUARY 22



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### NEXT BOOK CLUB MEETING – SUNDAY, MARCH 30, BEFORE PIZZA NIGHT

The March book is ***Before the Storm: A Thrilling Historical Novel of Real-Life Nazi Hunters***, by James Shipman.

Set in 1948 against the backdrop of the Berlin Blockade, this fast-moving Cold War thriller is action-packed and based on a true story with plenty of plot twists and moral dilemmas.



Due to popular demand, the March Book Club will meet on **Sunday afternoon, March 30, at 3:30PM, at NHBZ**. This time and date will allow Book Club members to get together during the afternoon and enjoy NHBZ's All-You-Can-Eat-Kosher-Buffer Pizza Night & Salad Bar after the discussion!

**Everyone is welcome!**

All subsequent 2025 Book Club dates meet on Monday nights, 7:15-8:45PM – locations TBA:

- ☐ May 19 – ***My Life***, by Golda Meir
- ☐ July 28 – ***90 Seconds: The Epic Story of Eli Beer and United Hatzalah***, by Rabbi N. Seltzer
- ☐ September 15 – ***The Whisper Sister***, by Jennifer S. Brown
- ☐ November 24 – TBD

Watch this space for details of the titles of the Book Club selections for 2025!

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

### Action Unites Us

“We will do and we will understand” means: we will do in the same way; we will understand in our own way. I believe that action unites us, leaving us space to find our own way to faith.”

– **Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, ZT”L**,  
We will do and we will hear (Mishpatim, Finding Faith, Covenant & Conversation)

### MISHPATIM: The Purpose of Justice

The great part of the Torah portion is concerned with laws of society (damages, criminal law, debts, etc.), an area popularly regarded as beyond the strict province of "religion." Our world has succeeded in defining the rightful sphere of religious influence, immunizing other aspects of life from the demands and criteria of religion. Morality itself has become "secularized," its origins and nourishment from religious teachings obscured.

These laws of justice are readily comprehended; there seems to be little of the mystical involved. Man's intelligence subscribes to these laws and would probably have developed most of them, in principle at least. For men to live together with any semblance of security, certain rights of person and property and certain restrictions of freedom must be recognized. Society cannot exist without some legal system.

Here the Jewish attitude is at variance with the secular approach. Justice is not a means toward a peaceful society, merely another tool to advance man's prosperity. Too many systems of law apparently based on this conception proved themselves futile, and their philosophic foundations provided the rationale for murder and robbery. (Exaggeration? Remember 1933-1945 in Europe?) Morality cannot be dedicated to self-promotion. Immoral means may seem more effective, and imperceptibly they become a new "morality."

– **Rabbi Zalman I. Posner**, [www.chabad.org](http://www.chabad.org)

### MISHPATIM: Act Now!

In this week's parshah, the Jewish people tell Moses, "All that G-d has spoken, we will do, and we will hear."

The greatness of the people of Israel was not that they were prepared to blindly follow G-d's bidding without any understanding. If this were the case they would have just said, "We will do." Their greatness was, as our Sages emphasize, that they placed their doing before their understanding.

Yes, we must understand and learn about what we are doing. However, our limited understanding and lack of knowledge should not cause our actual actions to be lacking. If we know it is something that must be done, we do it first. Only afterwards do we probe into the whys and wherefores. The same is true of Torah.

– **Rabbi Mordechai Wollenberg**, [www.chabad.org](http://www.chabad.org)



## Giving & Dedication



Giving & Dedication Opportunities to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion provides you with an opportunity to fulfill the important mitzvah of contributing tzedakah (charity). We offer many ways to say Mazel Tov to relatives and friends in honor of simchas celebrated, or to remember loved ones by making a dedication in their memories.

### ***Contributions & Dedications for Building & Campus***

- Small Stained-Glass Window - \$10,000
- Large Stained-Glass Window - \$25,000
- Yahrtzeit Board Header - \$6,000
- Main Bimah (Spiritual Dedication) - \$150,000
- Main Aron Kodesh (Spiritual Dedication) - \$150,000
- Sanctuary or Auditorium Window - \$18,000
- Dedication of Building – Please call office
- Campus Dedication – Please call office

This is a sample of available opportunities.  
For extra information, please call our office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2.

### ***Inscribed Bricks/Pavers & Plantings***

\$250.00 for 4"x8" inscribed Brick/Paver; \$500.00 for 8"x8" inscribed Brick/Paver

### ***Tree of Life – In the Alper Lobby***

\$360.00 per Brass leave inscribed, in memory or in honor of a special person(s) or occasion.

### ***Cast Iron Memorial Plaques – In the Feigenbaum-Pepose Learning Center***

\$360.00 Bronze Plaque - name in raised lettering. Molay is recited on each yahrtzeit.

### ***Kaddish***

Important mitzvos to be observed in memory of relatives or dear friends.  
\$360.00 Kaddish recited daily for eleven months after the passing of the individual.  
\$360.00 Kaddish recited each yahrtzeit in perpetuity.

### ***Book Funds – Dedications Inscribed***

- \$60.00 Nusach Hari Daily Siddur
- \$75.00 Artsroll – Stone Edition Chumash
- \$60.00 Rosh Hashana & Yom Kippur Machzorim

### ***Shabbos Bulletin Sponsorship***

\$54 includes your specified dedication listed in the NHBZ Weekly News  
Call or email the Shul office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2 or [office@nhbz.org](mailto:office@nhbz.org)

### ***Tributes – Honor Simchas, Wishes for Good Health, Condolences***

Call or email the Shul office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2 or [office@nhbz.org](mailto:office@nhbz.org)  
\$10 donation per card; \$25 pack of 5 cards. We have "In memory...", "In honor ...", Speedy Recovery, and Rose Ragin Chesed Fund\* cards. (\*Sold only in packs of 5)

### ***Kiddush Sponsorship – Defrays Costs of Shabbos & Yom Tov Kiddushim***

Please call our office for menu selections and pricing, 314-991-2100, ext. 2.

***NOTE: The above prices, effective January, 2025, are subject to change.***





CONNECTING  
GENERATIONS

# Mother Daughter Program

SUNDAY MORNINGS  
10:30 - 11:45 AM

GIRLS: KINDERGARTEN - 5TH GRADE

KESHER KREW PROGRAM FOR 6TH GRADE+

## Derech Eretz

FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>

המלביץ פני חבירו

Shamed face,  
give her space.

FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>

מאד מאד חיי שפל רוח

Appreciating your  
lot and not  
talking a lot.

FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>

עולם חסד יבנה

See a need,  
take the lead.

FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>

גרולה הכנסת אורחים  
יותר מקבלת פני השכינה

Gracious guest  
and helpful host.

**Location: Nusach Hari B'nai Zion, 650 N. Price Road, Olivette, MO 63132**

*No Admission Fee*

**BE ADDED TO THE KESHER WHATSAPP GROUP! TEXT TEMIMA: 314-817-4336**

**Committee: Elisheva Anton, Shana Bersin, Tzirel Biron, Riki Gutovich, Temima Klein, Elissa Schachter**

SPONSORS:





CLEAN SPEECH ST. LOUIS  
KICK OFF EVENT PRESENTS DR. YEHUDAH PRYCE

# FROM THE STREETS TO THE SOUL: A JOURNEY FROM GANGS AND PRISON TO FAITH AND PURPOSE



**Thursday February 27, 2025 | 7pm**  
**Jewish Federation of St. Louis**

What happens when someone grows up believing life has no value? Dr. Yehuda Pryce lived it—hitting rock bottom with no self-worth, no direction, and no purpose. But his story didn't end there. Through a radical transformation, he rebuilt his life with meaning, responsibility, and spiritual strength. This isn't just a speech—it's raw, real, and life-changing. If you've ever felt lost or stuck, come hear a true story of redemption and discover what's possible. Don't miss this powerful, unforgettable event!

Jewish Federation of St. Louis: 12 Millstone Campus Dr, St. Louis, MO 63146

RSVP needed by Wed. Feb 26 to join. Please send email to [cgoldstein@aishstl.com](mailto:cgoldstein@aishstl.com) OR Call 314-862-2474





# SUNDAY SHACHRIS

WITH AN ADDED BONUS OF YUMMY BREAKFAST

Start your Sunday off right, come for davening, stay for delicious food, and a Mishna class given by Rabbi Swidler!

**Date: March 2, 2025**

**Time: 8 AM Shachris followed  
by Breakfast and Learning**

**Location: Upstairs Sanctuary**

Sponsorship opportunities available  
(\$25 Minimum)



# 29<sup>TH</sup> ESTHER MILLER BAIS YAAKOV *Anniversary* DINNER

## Guests of Honor



*Mr. & Mrs.*  
LEWIS & ELLEN  
NOTOWICH

## Community Leadership Award



MARCI  
MAYER EISEN  
Jewish Federation of St. Louis



ELLIE (AXELBAUM)  
FREYLICHER

## Rabbi Gershon Zeffren zt"l Alumni Leadership Award

# March 2, 2025

RITZ CARLTON  
100 CARONDELET AVENUE  
CLAYTON, MISSOURI 63105

COMPLIMENTARY PARKING AVAILABLE

5 PM HORS D'OEUVRES 6 PM DINNER



## THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025

The J Staenberg Family Complex Gymnasium  
2 Millstone Campus Drive, 63146

**10:45 am** Doors Open

**11:30 am** Program Begins

Lunch by 613 Catering  
*under the supervision of the Vaad Hoeir*

**1:30 pm** Program Concludes

### PARTNERSHIP AWARD

**Felicia Malter**

### PEER AWARDS

Career Achievement

**Esther Scharf (JFS)**

Chesed/Kindness

**Susan Kemppainen**  
**(Covenant Place – Mirowitz Center)**

Dedication

**Stacy Jespersen (Congregation Shaare Emeth)**  
**Missy Novotny (WashU Hillel)**

Educator

**Lesley Goldenberg (Temple Israel)**

Emerging Leader

**Lexie Schmidt (The J)**

Mentor

**Jeremy Brok (LEAD STL)**  
**Lisa Deutsch (The J)**

Pillar

**Heather Silverman (NCJWSTL)**

Visionary

**Rabbi Yosef David (Aish HaTorah of St. Louis)**

### 20TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JPROSTL PRESIDENTS

2005-2007	<b>Jennifer Bell</b>
2007-2009	<b>Lori Goldberg</b>
2009-2011	<b>Craig Neuman</b>
2011-2012	<b>Michelle Brooks</b>
2012-2014	<b>Jean Cavender</b>
2014-2016	<b>Rabbi Levi Landa</b>
2016-2018	<b>Julie Gibbs</b>
2018-2020	<b>Randi Schenberg</b>
2020-2021	<b>Erin Schreiber</b>
2021-2023	<b>Sarah Levinson</b>
2023-2025	<b>Rabbi Lori Levine</b>

### LEARN MORE & REGISTER »

Free of charge to all staff in the Jewish community  
(20+ hours per week)

\$35 for guests

Reserved table seating for paid guests and  
honorees' immediate family/exec/supervisor/rabbi

Open table seating for all staff

Register by **Thursday, February 28**

For information contact Marci Mayer Eisen  
at 314-442-3810 or MEisen@JFedSTL.org.





**NHBZ Chessed Committee**  
**cordially invites**

**women of all ages to join a**

**Hamantaschen**

**Bake**

**led by**

**Mrs. Mimi David**

**Tuesday, March 11, 2025**

**5:30 - 7:30 PM**

**Light refreshments will be served**

**Please RSVP to [office@nhbz.org](mailto:office@nhbz.org) by March 4th**

**Free Event**

**Donations are welcomed**







# PURIM BRUNCH SEUDAH



FRIDAY, MARCH 14TH  
MEGILLAH READING 10:00 AM  
A BRUNCH BUFFET TO FOLLOW



RSVPS RECOMMENDED BUT NOT REQUIRED

THIS EVENT IS GENEROUSLY SPONSORED BY  
FRANCES COHEN AND CHILDREN,  
THE MCCARY, COHEN, AND SWERDLIN FAMILIES  
TO COMMEMORATE THE 3RD Yahrzeit of their beloved  
HUSBAND AND FATHER, JERRY COHEN,  
YANKEL BEN AVRAHAM HAKOHNEN ז"ל



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**HEAR YE!! HEAR YE!!**

**HIS MAJESTY, THE KING, WISHES TO  
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  
FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025**

**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!**



*Our Members  
Don't Just Join...  
...they Belong*

*NHBZ Warmly  
welcomes New  
Members*

*For membership information see  
any Board member or call our  
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