



NHBZ Weekly News

Welcome to Nusach Hari B’nai Zion

Affiliated with Union of Orthodox Congregations of America

March 28-29, 2025 Parshas Pekudei/Shabbos Hachodesh 28-29 Adar 5785
Candle Lighting 7:03 PM Shabbos Concludes 8:03 PM

Kiddush Sponsorship

Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Jim Pollock for the speedy recovery of Mary McMillan.

The bulletin this week is sponsored by Leslie Gitel in honor of her father, Seymour Bailis, Simcha Eliyahu Halevi, z”l’s yahrzeit

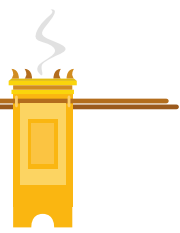
Shabbos Programming

Soul Building with Rabbi David
“Maintaining Our Balance When Everything Is Shaking”
10:00 AM

Childcare 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Torah Portions

Torah Reading: Exodus 38:21-40:38	530 – 540
Maftir: Exodus 12:1-20	348-354
Haftorah: Ezekiel 45:16-46:18	1218-1219



Prayer Times

Friday, March 28

Mincha/Maariv 7:00 PM

Candle Lighting 7:03 PM

Shabbos, March 29

Shacharis/Mussaf 9:00 AM

Drasha by the Distinguished
Rabbi Berkowitz

Mincha 6:45 PM

Shalosh Seudos and Learn after
Mincha
by the Distinguished
Rabbi Nimchinsky

Shabbos Concludes 8:03 PM

Minyan Times March 30 - April 3

	Sun Mar 30 Rosh Chodesh	Mon Mar 31	Tues Apr 1	Wed Apr 2	Thurs Apr 3	Fri Apr 4	Shabbos Apr 5
Shacharis	8:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	9:00
Mincha/ Maariv	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	6:50

Yahrzeits Observed This Week

Thurs eve Mar 27 - Fri Mar 28
28 Adar - Edythe Ferman

Fri eve Mar 28 - Sat Mar 29
29 Adar - Shirlee Baker
29 Adar - Seymour Bailis
29 Adar - Louis David Spritz

Sun eve Mar 30 - Mon Mar 31
2 Nissan - Aaron Dobin

Mon eve Mar 31 - Tues Apr 1
3 Nissan - Kurt Walters

Tues eve Apr 1 - Wed Apr 2
4 Nissan - Arthur Muskin

Wed eve Apr 2 - Thurs Apr 3
5 Nissan - Ben Adelstein
5 Nissan - Emma Levina
5 Nissan - Hyman Koenig

Happy Birthday!

Barry Liebman - March 28
Amarah Friedman - March 31
Alan Haber - March 31
Dorie Lerner - March 31
Irl Solomon - March 31
Keith Zeff - April 1
Sarah Hirsch - April 2

Happy Anniversary!

Daniel & Marcela Morgensztern - March 28
Caryn Garriga & Adrian Shifren - March 30

Save The Date!

Sisterhood Book Club Discussion
March 30- 3:30-5 PM

Pizza Night
March 30 - 5-7 PM

Mimi David's Masquerade Class
April 3, April 24 - 2 PM

Pre-Pesach Men's Event
April 6 5:30-7 PM

Pesach
April 12 -April 20

Synaplex
April 26

Ongoing Classes

Sundays
Rabbi Swidler's "Learning Mishna"
after Shacharis

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"
Time TBD

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

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

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78974795850?
pwd=tw7lOVumZ8QelPxHvApYZsox8VUem.1](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78974795850?pwd=tw7lOVumZ8QelPxHvApYZsox8VUem.1)

Maos Chitim For Pesach

Maos Chitim is money for the poor that will go towards getting basic needs for Pesach. Please see the attached letter from the Vaad Hoeir of St. Louis on how to give money.

Pesach Information

All Pesach information will come out as soon as available, please keep an eye out in your email and in the following bulletin.

Scholarship Opportuntiy

Jewish War Veterans Heritage Post 644 of St. Louis is pleased to announce the \$1,000 Ted and Rachael Pevnick Family Scholarship and the \$1,000 Chuck Sandroff Scholarship Awards. Interested in eligibility and the application process, please contact the office at office@nhbz.org or www.jwvstl.org.

March Tributes

Happy Birthday:

Shirley Bluestein

Jay and Peggy Umansky

Janet Haber

Feigenbaum/Pepose Family

Victor Tendler

Feigenbaum/Pepose Family

Happy Anniversary

Ram & Sallie Volotzky

Feigenbaum/Pepose Family

Dan & Melanie Winograd

Feigenbaum/Pepose Family

Rabbi Ze'ev & Chani Smason

Feigenbaum/Pepose Family

Gary & Trudy Sudin

Feigenbaum/Pepose Family

Les & Sari Neudorf

Bob & Joni Kaiser

In Memory of:

Ron Makovsky

Alan & Vivian Zarkowsky

Lionel J. Kaiser's Yahrzeit

Feigenbaum/Pepose Family



VAAD HOEIR OF ST. LOUIS

ועד העיר סט. לואיס

March 2025

Rabbi M.H. Eichenstein זצ"ל
Chief Rabbi 1942-1981

Rabbi S. Rivkin זצ"ל
Chief Rabbi 1982-2003

Rabbi Menachem Greenblatt
Rabbi Yosef Landa
Rabbanim Achraim

Rabbi Zvi Zuravin
Executive Director

Rabbi Avraham Bloch
ראש השוחטים

Rabbi Yitzchak Kowalsky
Senior Rabbinical Coordinator

Mr. Alan Kandel
President

Dear Friends:

Passover begins Saturday evening, April 12, 2025, and once again the Vaad Hoeir of St. Louis through its Rabbi Sholom Rivkin Tzedakah/Merle Hartstein Maos Chitim program is conducting its annual campaign to assist hundreds of families in our community in celebrating this important holiday of the Jewish people. The Vaad Hoeir is the central institution providing this assistance along with the cooperation of several Jewish communal agencies.

The need for more generous support is especially critical amid the ongoing rampant inflation. Many families continue to struggle to meet their basic needs. The added expense of the holiday preparation is even more stressful.

A gift of at least \$100 will help provide emotional and financial sustenance to our needy families. Please give generously and send your contribution in the enclosed return envelope. Your continuing support of this program truly demonstrates that "All Israel is responsible for one another." *Kol Yisrael Areivim Zeh Lazeh*. The grateful recipients of your assistance write heartfelt letters of appreciation, thankful for being remembered during this holiday season.

Credit/Debit card donations also may be made online by going to www.stlmaoschitim.com.

The administrative costs for the Maos Chitim Campaign are minimal in order to assure that the needy in our community receive the maximum direct benefits from your gifts.

Thank you so much for sharing in this great mitzvah.

Most sincerely,

Pnina Glassman
Chair, The Sholom Rivkin Tzedakah/Merle Hartstein Maos Chitim Fund



THE SISTERHOOD SCOOP

MARCH 29

Shabbos HaChodesh

Volume 8

Number 13

29 Adar 5785

March 29, 2025

Book Club Meets *this Sunday, 3/30* at 3:30PM, 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.



The discussion will be led by **Linda Shore**.

Join us **this Sunday afternoon, March 30, at 3:30PM, at NHBZ**. Stay 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

For more information contact **Fran Alper** at: fran.alper@outlook.com or sisterhood@nhbz.org

Jews Commanded 1st Mitzvah (1313-BCE)

Shortly before sundown on the 29th of Adar, G-d commanded Moses regarding the mitzvah of sanctifying the crescent new moon and establishing a lunar calendar. This is the first mitzvah the Jews were given as a nation. This Shabbat is Shabbat Mevarchim ("the Shabbat that blesses" the new month): a special prayer is recited blessing the Rosh Chodesh of the upcoming month of Nissan).

- www.chabad.org

PEKUDEI: **It's Up to You**

Bezalel made the Ark of acacia wood (37:1)

Rashi says that because Bezalel dedicated himself to the work of the Ark more than others, it bears his name: the Ark that Bezlael made.

In Exodus 25:10, the Torah says, "They shall make an Ark of acacia wood." The Midrash notes that for all the other appurtenances of the Sanctuary, G-d said to Moses, "You shall make," but in the case of the Ark, He said, "They shall make." The Midrash explains this exception; G-d said to Moses, "Let everyone participate in the fashioning of the Ark, so that all will have the merit of Torah" (Shemos Rabbah 34:3). There seems to be a bit of a conflict here. G-d instructed that everyone should share in the construction of the Ark, yet it appears as though Bezalel did it almost single-handedly.

Rabbi Boruch Sorotzkin says that the message herein is that when Torah is involved, one should not assume that others will do their part but rather act as if one were the only person who could carry out the responsibility. Although all the Israelites were obligated to share in the Ark, Bezalel approached it as if he were the only one available to fashion it.

There is the well-known story of the shul that asked all its members to donate a cup of wine. Each member reasoned that everyone else would donate wine, so he could get away with putting in a cup of water. When they came to fetch wine from the barrel, it was all pure water! That is what may happen when one relies on others to do the task. Every person may rationalize that others will do it.

Rabbi Sorotzkin's observation is relevant to all commandments as well as to Torah. When there is something to be done, do not rely on others, even if they share the responsibility. Act as if you were the only person available and capable of doing the task.

– *By Rabbi Dr. Abraham Twerski, www.aish.com*

Prioritize What's Important

Each day make a list of the various tasks you need to complete. Then decide on a proper order in which to do them. If you don't prioritize and don't set aside the time you won't accomplish what's most important in life -- spending time with your family, growing as a human being, helping others or even preparing for the Seder. No one on his death bed ever wished he spent more time at the office. – excerpted from **Rabbi Zelig Pliskin**



Shalom,

3/2025

It is the time of the year that we need to address the financial condition of our shul.

We are in the midst of one of the most important efforts that a congregation can undertake and that is the decision to hire our new Rabbi and Rebbitzin, who will guide us forward in our spiritual and Outreach efforts.

Notwithstanding whom we choose for this position, we are going to be taking on extra expenditures, both salary and programming related, so that we can provide the new Rabbi with all the resources required to succeed and move us forward.

To make the budget, we need to raise, this year, \$200,000 in gifts, dedications and donations.

We are starting this effort with the online theChesedFund. Our goal for this is to raise \$100,000. The first stage is to obtain matchers. To become a matcher requires a minimum donation of \$1,500.

We plan to run the online part in April, 2025. So it would be good to have the matching grants by Pesach of this year.

Please contact me with your matching grant. I can be contacted via email at menachem@alonsystems.com and by SMS or phone call at 314-629-8741.

Menachem Szus, Fundraising Chair, NHBZ

Dan Winograd, President

Bruce Waxman, Treasurer



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

Tributes – Honor Simchas, Wishes for Good Health, Condolences

Call or email the Shul office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2 or 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.

The Names Not Numbers Film that the Kadimah students produced last year is premiering at the St Louis Jewish Film Festival on March 30th.



Opening Day | Sunday, March 30, 2025

Past. Present. Future.

Grab your popcorn and join us to look back to the months leading up to World War II (Anthony Hopkins based-on-a-true-story, *One Life*), the present – featuring students from St. Louis Epstein Hebrew Academy survivors and realizing that antisemitism and discrimination of all forms is ever-present (*Names Not Numbers*) exploring how Jews would observe holidays in a colony on Mars (*Fiddler on the Moon*).



See Our Full Lineup & Buy Tickets
Scan the QR code or visit
stljewishfilmfestival.org

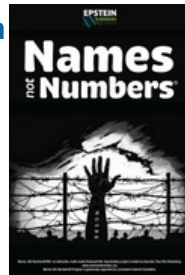
Don't Miss!
Limited capacity
Sunday, March 30

Sunday, March 30, 2025



Fiddler on the Moon

3pm



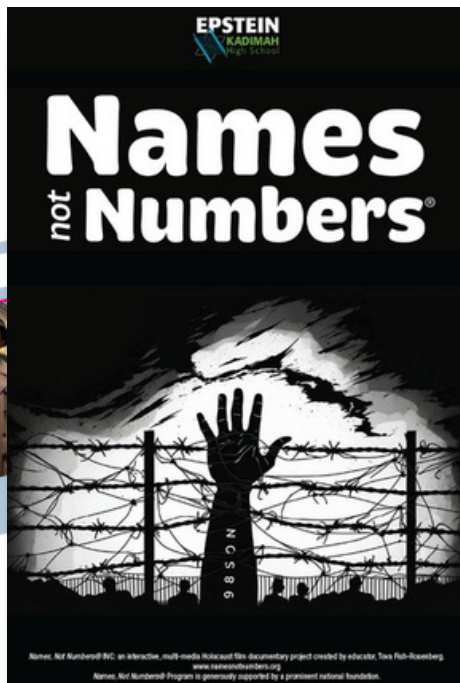
Names Not Numbers

3:45pm



One Life

7pm



3:45pm *Names, Not*

Numbers

From USA • In English
Director: Michael Puro
Documentary: 54 minutes

Guided by local journalists, Ellen Futterman (Editor-in-Chief, St. Louis Jewish Light) and Shula Neuman (former Executive Editor at St. Louis Public Radio), a group of students from Epstein Hebrew Academy take on what seems like a simple project: interviewing Holocaust Survivors. But as they listen to firsthand stories of resilience and survival, the project becomes something more - something deeply personal and transforming. With antisemitism and discrimination of all forms on the rise, the students realize the critical importance of keeping these stories of survivors alive. Moreover, by giving a voice to those who lived through unimaginable darkness, the students begin to appreciate the value these stories have in fighting hate and discrimination in the present. Heartfelt and timely, this film shows the power of intergenerational connection, the precious benefits of bearing witness and the importance of never giving up.

Following the film, join us for a panel discussion with Rachel Miller, a Holocaust survivor featured in the film, Devorah Haspel, a student from H.F. Epstein Hebrew Academy, and Rabbi Jonathan Fruchtar, Principal at H.F. Epstein Hebrew Academy, plus:

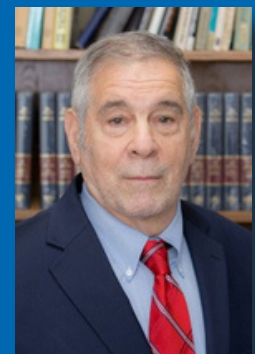
Tova Rish-Rosenberg
Project Creator



Michael Puro
Director



Michael Berenbaum
Holocaust Museum Curator,
Professor and Author



Names, Not Numbers® INC: an interactive, multi-media Holocaust film documentary project created by educator, Tova Fish-Rosenberg. namesnotnumbers.org. Names, Not Numbers® Program is generously supported by a prominent national foundation.



March 27
April 3 & 24
May 8 & 22
June 5 & 19

MASQUERADE WITH MIMI DAVID

Join us 2 times a month at 2pm for a deep dive into the book of Esther*.
This text-based class will reveal the secrets of this famous story and
uncover what really happened then...and how it resonates until today.

NHBZ
650 N. Price Rd

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For More Information
Contact Mimi at 314-862-2474
or mimidavid@aishstl.com

*Please bring your own ArtScroll The Megillah **The Jewish Women's Society of St. Louis**



STEAK & SEDERS PRE-PESACH MEN'S EVENT

JOIN US FOR AN
UNFORGETTABLE EVENING
LED BY RABBI DAVID
IT WILL BE AN EVENT FILLED
WITH SOME GREAT TIPS ON
HOW TO LEAD A PASSOVER
SEDER, DELICIOUS FOOD, AND
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES



Date: Sunday, April 6, 2025

Time: 5:30 - 7 PM

Location: NHBZ 650.N Price Rd. St. Louis, MO 63132



RSVPs Required–

Limited to the first 25 men

Act Fast and encourage your
friends to join you before the spots
are full

Contact: office@nhbz.org
or 314-991-2100 ext. 2

\$5 Cost

Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

5-7 PM

ALL YOU CAN EAT KOSHER BUFFET

DELICIOUS

PIZZA



PASTA



LOADED

SALAD BAR



PRICING:

ADULTS: \$15

KIDS AGES 3-12:

\$8

KIDS UNDER 3:

FREE

CHOLOV YISROEL CHEESE; PAREVE CRUSTS UPON REQUEST. ALL FOOD IS CERTIFIED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE VAAD



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

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