



NHBZ Weekly News

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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Parshas Emor

May 16-17, 2025 **18-19 Iyar 5785**
Candle Lighting 7:49 PM **Shabbos Concludes 8:55 PM**

Announcements

Kiddush this week is sponsored by Rodney and Victoria John in honor of their son, Joshua's upcoming wedding to Ella Ullman in Toronto.

Mazel tov to Boris and Alla Yasinev on the birth of a granddaughter born to Jonathan and Devorah Yasinev.

Mazel tov to Joey and Jamie Mufson on the birth of a daughter, Suzy Arden. Mazel tov to grandparents, Ephraim and Michelle Mufson, and great grandmother, Shirley Bluestein.

Shabbos Programming

Soul Building with Rabbi David
10:00 AM

Childcare 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Torah Portions

Torah Reading: Leviticus 21:1-24:23	672-694
Haftorah: Ezekiel 44:15-31	1176-1177

Prayer Times

Friday, May 16

Mincha/Maariv 7:00 PM

Candle Lighting 7:49 PM

Shabbos, May 17

Shachris/Mussaf 9:00 AM

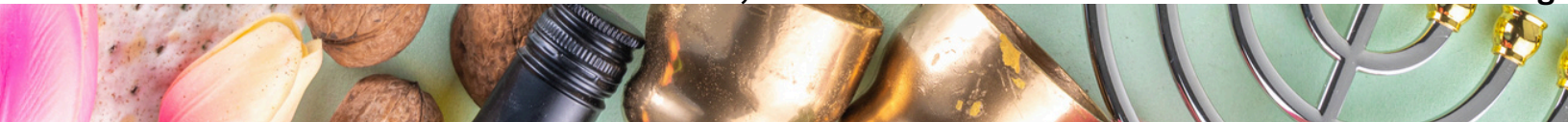
Drasha by the Distinguished
Rabbi Bin-Nun

Mincha 7:35 PM

Shalosh Seudos and Learn after
Mincha
by the Distinguished
Rabbi Nimchinsky

Shabbos Concludes 8:55 PM

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Minyan Times May 18-24

	Sun May 18	Mon May 19	Tues May 20	Wed May 21	Thurs May 22	Fri May 23	Shabbos May 24
Shachris	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	7:40

Congregation News

Yahrzeits Observed This Week

Fri eve May 16- Sat May 17
19 Iyar - Arthur Cole

Sat eve May 17 - Sun May 18
20 Iyar - Harold Harris

Mon eve May 19- Tues May 20
22 Iyar - Rivkah Ben Sason

Wed eve May 21- Thurs May 22
24 Iyar - Nathan Raginsky
24 Iyar - Donald Kleiman
24 Iyar - Hyman Spritz

Happy Birthday!

Joshua John- May 16
Adam Rush - May 16
Sarah Beth Matt- May 19
Jane Kadosh - May 22

Save the Date!

Mimi David's Masquerade Class
May 22 - 2 PM

Shavuous
June 1-3

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"
6:15 PM Downstairs

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=tw7IIOVumZ8QeIPxHvApYZsox8VUem.1>



THE SISTERHOOD SCOOP

MAY 17



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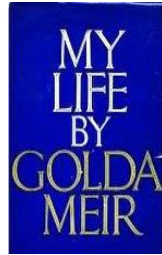
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May 17, 2025

Book Club Update

The Book Club discussion of our current book, **My Life**, by Golda Meir, was originally scheduled for this Monday, May 19, 7:15-8:45PM.

In order to allow more time to read the book, the discussion meeting is postponed until *after Shavuot*.



The new Book Club meeting date will be Monday, June 9, 7:15–8:45PM. Location TBA

First published in 1973, this personal account of the first female Prime Minister of Israel reveals unique insights about the story of Israel itself.

Join us June 9! Everyone is welcome!

Future 2025 Book Club discussion dates are:

☐ Sunday, July 28, 3:45PM – **90 Seconds:**

The Epic Story of Eli Beer and United

Hatzalah, by Rabbi N. Seltzer – at NHBZ before Pizza Night

☐ Monday, September 15, 7:15-8:45PM – **The**

Whisper Sister, by Jennifer S. Brown

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

The Creator & Sustainer

There are two steps to *emunah* (belief). The first step is knowing that the world has a Creator. One has to know that at first there was nothing, until G-d spoke and brought all of reality into being. The second step is to know that G-d is involved in the actual running of the world. Every issue - big or small - involves Hashem. He is orchestrating all events at all times.

Shabbos bears testimony to the fact that G-d created heaven and earth, while the festivals, which recall the miracles of the exodus, testify that G-d controls nature on an ongoing basis and can change it at will. By placing Shabbos together with the festivals, the Torah is teaching us that both concepts are equally essential to the faith of a Jew. Belief in one step without the other is not considered *emunah*. It is heretical to think that G-d created the universe, but then "stepped back" and left it to the unfettered laws of nature or in the control of angels or other powers. *Emunah* is knowing that G-d is the Creator and Sustainer. –from **Rabbi Eli Scheller**, aish.com

EMOR: The Holiday of Weeks

The Torah refers to it simply as the "Holiday of Weeks." Many contemporary Jews have never even heard of this holiday. Yet the holiday of Shavuot celebrates what may be the most important event in Judaism: the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai.

Why does the Torah neglect to mention this most crucial detail—the reason for the celebration?

With its silence, the Torah is telling us something important about the giving of the Torah. Divine revelation is not specific to a particular time and place in our history. There is no one day a year designated to celebrate the Divine revelation, because Divine revelation occurs every time we open and study the Torah. Indeed, in the blessing before reading the Torah, we refer to G-d as "the one who gives the Torah." Note that "gives" is in the present tense, conveying that G-d is continuously giving us the Torah.

The Torah is silent about the date of the most important event in the history of mankind in order to teach us that anytime we open the Torah, *G-d is speaking to us directly, personally*.

What then do we commemorate on Shavuot, the Holiday of Weeks?

Unlike the Holiday of Matzot and the Holiday of Sukkot, its name does not describe the way we celebrate the holiday. Rather, it describes the lead-up to the holiday, the obligation to count seven weeks in anticipation of and preparation for the giving of the Torah. Although G-d speaks to us every time we open the book, sometimes we fail to perceive the power of the experience. We are tuned out spiritually, distracted by day-to-day life. We are like an unplowed field being showered with rain: The rain has the power to bring forth growth, but the earth is too rough to accept the water.

So, G-d commands us to designate some time for spiritual refinement, to count 49 days, to understand that G-d wants to talk to us and that we must tune in if we are to benefit from the experience. Finally, on the 50th day, on the anniversary of the giving of the Torah, after all the preparation, every Jew can finally feel it: Yes, G-d is talking to me, personally.

In the final analysis, the 50th day is unique because of the preparation, the weeks of counting. Hence the name "Holiday of Weeks." The actual revelation, however, happens every time we read the Torah.

– **Rabbi Menachem Feldman**, www.chabad.org



Shalom,

5/2025

The main starting date for this campaign is Sunday, 5/11/2025.

<https://thechesedfund.com/nhbz/2025-outreach-and-congregation>.

A direct link is also provided at the bottom of this email.

You may contribute before the starting date.

One great way to grow this campaign is to forward this message to your friends and family.

Another way is to create or join a TEAM on the website. The team with the highest contribution will be awarded a Special Prize. You may create or join a TEAM before the starting date.

Please contribute to this tzedakah generously to enable NHBZ to grow its programming for the kids.

Thank you and Mazal Tov to those who have already contributed the matching grants. The list is at the bottom of the campaign page.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this campaign. I can be reached by sending an email to 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 yahrzeit.

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 yahrzeit 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.



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A Lone Soldier's Journey: Myles Rosenblum

Monday, May 19 | 7pm
Staenberg Family Complex in Creve Coeur



Register Here:



Or Contact Naomi Elbaz
nelbaz@jccstl.org

Join St. Louis native Myles Rosenblum as he shares his powerful story of strength, sacrifice, and service in the IDF Paratroopers Unit 101 this past year. Audience Q&A to follow.

This is a FREE event, but registration is requested.



KOLLEL WOMEN'S DIVISION PRESENTS

PRE SHAVUOS WOMEN'S PANEL

A DISCUSSION THAT WILL BRING ALL WOMEN TOGETHER
TO SHARE IDEAS AND INSPIRATIONS TO UNLEASH OUR POTENTIAL & ANSWER:

*"What does Accepting the Torah
mean to me?"*

A PANEL DISCUSSION WITH:

**MRS. DEVORA
ZELCER**

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR,
PLPC

**MRS. RIVKA SEREL
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MODERATOR

MRS. Yael MILLER

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LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCE

SHELLY SCHECHTER, SARAFINA WEISMAN & ELLIE WEISZ

TUESDAY, 8:30PM

MAY 20

JSU HOUSE | \$10

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PLATINUM \$180

GOLD \$100

SILVER \$72

**SUSHI, SALADS &
CHEESECAKES!**

*Cholev Yisroel

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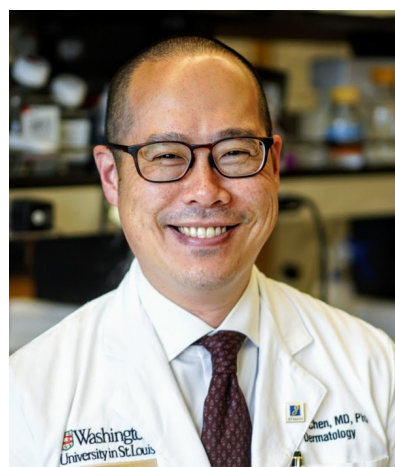
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**Join a discussion of hereditary cancer and the
crucial role of genetic counseling in understanding
risks. Specialists will discuss how BRCA genes and
other related genes influence cancer risks.**

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025

5:30pm Light Refreshments

6-7:30pm Program and Q&A

The J in Creve Coeur

Mirowitz Performing Arts & Banquet Center



Free but registration required
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Contact: Debbi Braunstein, 314.442.3266, dbraunstein@jccstl.org



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EVENT DATE & LOCATION:

WEDNESDAY JUNE 11, 2025
 Norman K. Probstain Golf Course - Located in Forest Park
 6141 Lagoon Drive, Saint Louis, MO 63112



REGISTRATION:

To register for the
 Golf Tournament,
 please scan the QR code.



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

CORPORATE SPONSOR: \$10,000
 Prominent clubhouse signage; Signage
 at 4 holes; Entry for 16 players

PLATINUM SPONSOR: \$5,000
 Prominent clubhouse signage; Signage
 at 3 holes; Entry for 12 players

GOLD SPONSOR: \$3,600
 Prominent clubhouse signage; Signage
 at 2 holes; Entry for 8 players

SILVER SPONSOR: \$1,800
 Signage at 2 holes; Entry for 4 players

COPPER SPONSOR: \$1,200
 Signage at 1 hole; Entry for 4 players

HOLE SPONSOR: \$500
 Signage on 1 hole

INDIVIDUAL GOLFER: \$150
 BBQ DINNER ONLY: \$50



SCHEDULE:

12:30 PM
 Event Registration & Lunch

1:30 PM
 Shotgun Start

6:30 PM
 BBQ Dinner & Prize Distribution



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GOLF **WEDNESDAY**
TOURNAMENT **JUNE 11, 2025**

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