



NHBZ Weekly News

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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Parshios Tazria-Metzora

May 2-3, 2025

4-5 Iyar 5785

Candle Lighting 7:36 PM

Shabbos Concludes 8:40 PM

Announcements

Please join us after services for an Israeli themed kiddush and lecture by Sol Laudon on "Next Year in Jerusalem"

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored this week by Kenny and Barb Bressler in honor of this past Tuesday which marked Yom Hazikaron - Israel Memorial Day. May the memory of the fallen IDF soldiers and the victims of terrorism be a blessing.

Shabbos Programming

Soul Building with Rabbi David
10:00 AM

Childcare 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Torah Portions

Torah Reading: Leviticus 12:1-15:33	608-634
Haftorah: II Kings 7:3-20	1172-1173

Prayer Times

Friday, May 2

Mincha/Maariv 7:00 PM

Candle Lighting 7:36 PM

Shabbos, May 3

Shachris/Mussaf 9:00 AM

Drasha by the Distinguished
Rabbi Feigenbaum

Mincha 7:20 PM

Shalosh Seudos and Learn after
Mincha
by the Distinguished
Rabbi Nimchinsky

Shabbos Concludes 8:40 PM

Minyan Times May 4-10

All Minyan services will be downstairs from now on, except for Shabbos and Holidays

	Sun May 4	Mon May 5	Tues May 6	Wed May 7	Thurs May 8	Fri May 9	Shabbos May 10
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	7:25

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Congregation News

Yahrzeits Observed This Week

Thurs eve May 1 - Fri May 2
4 Iyar - Julia Britton

Fri eve May 2 - Sat May 3
5 Iyar - Isadore Zeff
5 Iyar - Alfred Stoler

Sun eve May 4 - Mon May 5
7 Iyar - Harry Mendelson

Mon eve May 5 - Tues May 6
8 Iyar - Dorothy Bierman

Tues eve May 6 - Wed May 7
9 Iyar - Dena Levitt
9 Iyar - Pearl Chaskelson

Wed eve May 7 - Thurs May 8
10 Iyar - Meyer Kaplan
10 Iyar - Philip Mendelson
10 Iyar - Bess Fiszel

Happy Birthday!

Boruch Smason - May 5
Rubin Amon - May 5
Dennis Feit - May 8
James Pollock - May 8

Happy Anniversary!

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

Extra Notices

- The Aish Hatorah/Red Cross Blood Drive is coming up, please register online at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=AriDougan>

Save The Date!

Red Cross Blood Drive
May 6 - 2-6 PM

Mimi David's Masquerade Class
May 8 and 22 - 2 PM

Lag Baomer Bonfire
May 15

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=tw7lOVumZ8QelPvHvApYZsox8VUem.1>

YOM HA'ATZMAUT 2025

May 3 ~11:45 AM ♦ Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

Lecture: Next Year in Jerusalem: 2,700 years of Jewish religious, political, and military efforts to reconstitute Zion.

Lecturer Sol Laudon is a software engineer with a passion for Jewish history. He recently gave a lecture on "Jewish Languages in the Sephardic and Mizrahi worlds." Engaging in exciting fieldwork, he studies Jewish heritage across the Middle East, aiding historians and archaeologists.

Learn More:

<https://nhbz.org/independence-day-2025> | 314-991-2100

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THE SISTERHOOD SCOOP

MAY 3



The Omer Count
49 Steps in Self Refinement

Volume 8

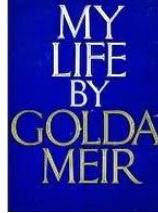
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Sisterhood Book Club News

The next book is **My Life**, the autobiography of Golda Meir, first published in 1973. Read the personal account of the first female Prime Minister of Israel from her earliest years through the establishment of the state and into the early 1970s. Join us for the discussion – **Monday, May 19, 7:15-8:45PM.**



Everyone is welcome!

Future 2025 Book Club discussion dates are:

- ☐ Monday, May 19, 7:15-8:45PM – **My Life**, by Golda Meir – location TBA
- ☐ 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

TAZRIA-METZORA: Good Gossip

Sickness stalked the streets of Vilna in 1848; an epidemic had struck, and dozens of townsfolk had succumbed. Every house was filled with the dead and dying. Depression and despair were rampant.



In times of sickness and sorrow, the mind craves answers. People want to know why things are going so spectacularly wrong, and if there is anything they can do to change the situation. People look for someone to blame.

Rabbi Yisroel Salanter, the great ethicist and scholar, was approached by a congregant with grave accusations against the family of one of the leading citizens of the town. The informer was privy to certain distasteful details about a respected family, and he was determined to share his knowledge with the rabbi.

"After all," he argued, "who knows if the plague isn't divine retribution for their sins. Perhaps if they can be made to repent, many lives might be saved."

Rabbi Yisroel refused to listen. "It's too easy to point the finger," he said, "blaming everyone else for the tragedies and hardships of life. But tattling and negativity is not the Jewish way. Far better to direct our efforts towards self-improvement and correcting one's own conduct than to focus on the failing of others."

We learn in this week's Torah reading about the *metzora*: During Temple times, a man or woman who had gossiped or spoken negatively about others would often develop symptoms of *tzaraat* – a leprosy-like condition that renders the sinner ritually impure. As part of the purification process, the *metzora* would be exiled from home for a few weeks and forced to live alone, outside the city borders, until the symptoms dissipated.

Rabbi Yisroel continued to explain that the sin of *lashon hara*, speaking negatively about others, is not necessarily the same as lying. Gossiping is evil, and honesty is no defense. You could be saying the unvarnished, absolute truth, but it's still a sin. The *metzora* is sent to solitary confinement not just to wait for his *tzaraat* to cure, but to reflect on the lack of judgment that caused the sickness in the first place.

Before rushing to blame others or to indict someone else, do an honest analysis of your own behavior. Spend a few weeks in the company of your own thoughts, and you may very well come to realize that the cause of your troubles is yourself.

– Rabbi Elisha Greenbaum, www.chabad.org



State of Israel Proclaimed

May 14, 1948 ~ Iyar 5, 5708

The British mandate to govern the Holy Land expired on May 14, 1948. A United Nations resolution passed six months earlier endorsed the establishment of a Jewish state in the biblical homeland of the Jewish people. That afternoon, the state of Israel was proclaimed in Tel Aviv. Four neighboring Arab countries launched a brutal war on Israel's Jewish inhabitants but were unable to realize their full bloodthirsty intent in circumstances describable only as miraculous. The date--Iyar 5 on the Jewish calendar--is celebrated in Israel as the Israeli "Independence Day."

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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

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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.

Aish HaTorah Annual Blood Drive

In Partnership with Spread Ari's Light



Arianna "Ari" Dougan was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma as the age of three. Ari received more than 200 units of blood during her eight year battle with cancer. She believed in random acts of kindness and her family wants to inspire others to give blood. This act of kindness ensures that blood will be available when other children, like Ari, need it to survive cancer treatment. Spread Ari's light and donate blood in her memory.

Aish HaTorah Annual Blood Drive

Location: Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Synagogue
650 N Price Rd
Olivette, MO 63132

Tuesday, May 6, 2025
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: **AriDougan** to schedule an appointment.

Come to give blood May 1-18 and get a \$20 e-gift card to a merchant of your choice.
PLUS, get a chance to win a U.S. trip of choice for you and a guest!

Terms apply: rcblood.org/may
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EVENT DATE & LOCATION:

WEDNESDAY JUNE 11, 2025
Norman K. Probst 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.



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at 4 holes; Entry for 16 players

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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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