



NHBZ Weekly News

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

Affiliated with Union of Orthodox Congregations of America

September 26–27, 2025
Candle Lighting 6:33 PM

Parshas Vayelech

4–5 Tishrei 5786
Shabbos Concludes 7:30 PM

Announcements

Rabbi Rubin will be giving a Shabbos Shuva Drasha at 5:10 PM on Shabbos in place of a Drasha during davening.

Keep an eye out for the Yom Kippur Bulletin on Tuesday IY"H and the Sukkos one on the following Sunday IY"H

Please note that the birthday kiddush for September and October birthdays will be on October 25th. Please consider making a donation to offset the cost of the kiddush.

Shabbos Programming

Soul Building with Rabbi David
10:00 AM

Childcare
10:00–11:30 AM

Yahrzeits Observed This Week

Fri eve Sept 26– Sat Sept 27 Mon eve Sept 29– Tues Sept 30
5 Tishrei – Sophie Nissenbaum 8 Tishrei – Leah Fadem

Sat eve Sept 27– Sun Sept 28 Tues eve Sept 30 – Wed Oct 1
6 Tishrei – Jack Lyss 9 Tishrei – Annie Katz

Sun eve Sept 28 – Mon Sept 29
7 Tishrei – Helen Belson

Happy Birthday!

Talia Shifren – September 30
Nicole Loiterstein – September 30
Lewis Schucart – October 1

Happy Anniversary!

Alan & Marcie Brook – September 28

Upcoming Events

September 29 – Partners in Torah
October 1–2 – Yom Kippur
October 6 – 15 – Sukkos/Simchas Torah
October 25 – Birthday Kiddush

Prayer Times

Friday, September 26

Shacharis 7:00 AM

Mincha/Maariv 6:30 PM

Candle Lighting 6:33 PM

Shabbos, September 27

Shachris/Mussaf 9:00 AM

Latest Shema Time 9:53AM

Shabbos Shuva Drasha 5:10 PM

Mincha 6:10 PM

Shalosh Seudos and Learn
after Mincha Downstairs

Shabbos Concludes 7:30PM

Weekday Schedule

Shacharis (Sun) 8:00 AM

Shacharis (Mon–Tues) 7:00 AM

Mincha/Maariv (Sun–Tues) 6:30 PM

Torah Portions

Torah Reading Deuteronomy 31:1–30	1094–1098
Haftorah: Hosea 14:2–10, Joel 2:11– 27, Micah 7:18–20	1204–1205



THE SISTERHOOD SCOOP

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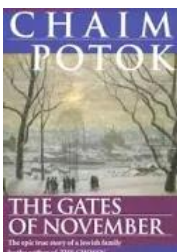
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Sisterhood Book Club News

NHBZ's Sisterhood Book Club, organized in 2018, has been reading and meeting through heat waves, thunderstorms, snow, cicada invasions, three rabbis, and a pandemic. Our members keep on reading – fiction, non-fiction, biography, historical novels, fantasy, or humor – and we invite **you** to join us!

All women are welcome!

Our next book is ***The Gates of November***, by Chaim Potok, the gripping true story of the Slepak family's trek through the Russian Revolution as a Bolshevik father and Refusnik son struggle with their Jewish identities, their politics, and their historic plight.



The discussion will be held **Monday evening, November 24, 7:15-8:45 pm.** Location TBA



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

Prophecy and Prediction

“A prophet is not an oracle; a prophecy is not a prediction. Precisely because Judaism believes in free will, the human future can never be unfailingly predicted. People are capable of change. G-d forgives. As we say in our prayers on the High Holy Days: “Prayer, penitence, and charity avert the evil decree.” There is no decree that cannot be revoked. A prophet does not foretell. He warns. A prophet does not speak to predict future catastrophe but rather to avert it. If a prediction comes true it has succeeded. If a prophecy comes true it has failed.”

– Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, ZT”L

Testing Prophecy (Shoftim, Covenant & Conversation)

Thank you to all who participated in
Sisterhood's New Year Greetings
Fundraiser for 5786



"Gemar chatimah tovah" (גמר חתימה טובה)
A Happy & Sweet New Year and "A good final sealing."

VAYEILECH: It's All in Our Hands

An elderly man checked in to a small, quaint hotel, only to learn at the front desk that the single elevator was out of order. He asked a bellhop to bring his bags up to his room, implying that the tip would be worth the effort.

It was ten minutes later before the bellhop arrived and knocked at his room. He was obviously sweating and out of breath. Even before looking for his luggage, the man said to the bellhop, “there must be some mistake! My bags are small and light; for you to have spent this much effort, you must have brought someone else's bags!”

In this week's reading, G-d tells the Jewish nation that “This Commandment which I Command you today, it is not beyond your understanding and not too distant from you. It is not up in Heaven, that one might say ‘who will ascend for us to Heaven and take it for us, and express it to us and we will do it’” [30:11-12].

People look at the details and complexities of Jewish observance, the myriad laws and restrictions, and imagine that following all of those rules must be very difficult and complicated, requiring tremendous exertion throughout the day just to get everything right. But that misunderstanding, the rabbis teach us, is similar to the bellhop carrying great, heavy bags up the stairs instead of the far lighter burden he was asked to carry.

We also learn that the Aron, the Ark of the Covenant containing the stone tablets that Moshe brought down from Mt. Sinai, carried itself. In reality, it was no burden at all. Similarly, people imagine that keeping the Sabbath is difficult, only to learn that it truly is a gift, restoring and recharging those who observe it for the week to come. Indeed, most everyone who invests in Jewish spiritual growth will tell you that they get out far more than they put in.

The idea that observance is difficult turns out to be something of a mirage. After picking up the heavy bags, we quickly realize that in reality, they were never heavy at all.

– By Rabbi Yaakov Menken, www.torah.org

High Holiday and Yom Tov Complete Schedule Of Services

SELICHOS PRIOR TO ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, Sept 14.....7:45 am
Mon-Fri, Sept 15 -19.....6:30 am
Sunday, Sept 21.....7:45 am

EREV ROSH HASHANAH, Mon, Sept. 22

Selichos.....6:15 am
Mincha6:35 pm
Candle Lighting.....6:39 pm

ROSH HASAHAH DAY 1, Tues, Sept. 23

Shacharis8:00 am
Learners' Service.....10:00 am
Children's Program.....10:00 am–12:30 pm
Drasha (Sermon).....10:30 am
Mincha.....6:20 pm
Tashlich.....Following Mincha
Yom Tov Candle Lighting.....Not Before 7:36 pm

ROSH HASHNAH DAY 2, Wed, Sept. 24

Shacharis.....8:00 am
Children's Program.....10:00 am–12:30 pm
Drasha (Sermon).....10:30 am
Shofar to follow Drasha
Educational Program.....11:00 am
Mincha.....6:20 pm
Yom Tov Concludes.....7:35 pm

TZOM GEDALIAH (Fast of Gedaliah)

Thursday, September 25

Fast Begins.....5:33 am
Selichos.....6:30 am
Mincha.....6:25 pm
Fast Concludes.....7:22 pm

EREV YOM KIPPUR, Wednesday, October 1

Mincha.....1:30 pm
Fast Begins6:10 pm
Candle Lighting at home *..... Before 6:25 pm
(* **No Candle Lighting at NHBZ**)
Take out Torahs.....6:25 pm
Followed by Kol Nidre & Ma'ariv
Ma'ariv Concludes.....9:00 pm

YOM KIPPUR, Thursday, October 2

Shacharis.....8:30 am
Learners' Service.....10:00 am
Children's Program.....10:00 am–12:30 pm
Drasha (Sermon).....11:15 am
Yizkor.....Approximately 11:45 am
Musaf.....12:20 pm
Mincha.....4:45 pm
Neilah.....6:00 pm
Ma'ariv.....7:22 pm

Yom Kippur Continued

Havdalah.....7:35 pm
Shofar Sounded.....7:37 pm
Fast Concludes.....After Shofar is Sounded

EREV SUKKOS, Monday, October 6

Mincha.....6:15 pm
Candle Lighting.....6:17 pm

SUKKOS DAY 1, Tuesday, October 7

Shacharis.....9:00 am
Drasha (Sermon).....10:45 am
Kiddush to follow in Sukkah
Mincha.....6:15 pm
Yom Tov Candle Lighting.... Not Before 7:14 pm
(from existing flame)

SUKKOS DAY 2, Wednesday, October 8

Shacharis.....9:00 am
Drasha.....10:45 am
Kiddush to follow in Sukkah
Mincha.....6:15 pm
Yom Tov Ends.....7:13 pm

CHOL HAMOED SUKKOS

Thursday October 9

Shacharis.....6:45 am
Mincha.....6:15 pm

Friday, October 10

Shacharis.....6:45 am
Mincha.....6:10 pm
Candle Lighting.....6:11 pm

Shabbos, October 11

Shacharis.....9:00 am
Mincha.....5:50 pm
Shabbos Ends.....7:08 pm

HOSHANA RABBA, Monday October 13

Shacharis.....6:30 am
Mincha.....6:05 pm
Candle Lighting.....6:07 pm

SHEMINI ATZERES Tuesday October 14

Shacharis.....9:00 am
Yizkor approximately.....10:30 am
Mincha.....6:05 pm
Ma'ariv.....6:25 pm
Hakofos & Parade of Torahs.....6:40 pm
Candle Lighting..... Not Before 7:04 pm
(from existing flame)

SIMCHAS TORAH, Wednesday, October 15

Shacharis.....9:00 am
Kol Hanarim – Call all kids to Torah 10:45 am
Mincha.....6:05 pm
Yom Tov Ends.....7:03 pm



NHBZ PRESENTS

TESHUVAH: WHAT ARE WE RETURNING TO?



Shabbos Shuva Drasha
September 27, 2025
5:10 PM