



NHBZ Weekly News

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

Affiliated with Union of Orthodox Congregations of America

October 17-18, 2025
Candle Lighting 6:01 PM

Parshas Bereishis
Shabbos Mevarchim

25-26 Tishrei 5786
Shabbos Concludes 6:59 PM

Announcements

- Our regular classes will be resuming this week.
- The September/October birthdays will be celebrated in a Kiddush on October 25th.
- There will be a stone dedication for Ron & Ina Makovsky this Sunday, October 19th at Beth Hamedrosh Hagadol cemetery at 11am

Yahrzeits Observed This Week

Thurs eve Oct 16 – Fri Oct 17
25 Tishrei – Denise Amon

Mon eve Oct 20 – Tues Oct 21
29 Tishrei – Shmuel Grus

Fri eve Oct 17 – Sat Oct 18
26 Tishrei – Harold Fadem
26 Tishrei – Bella Stein
26 Tishrei – Manuel Fredman
26 Tishrei – Rose Kaplan

Tues eve Oct 21 – Wed Oct 22
30 Tishrei – Mandel Ferman
30 Tishrei – Rosaline Golub
30 Tishrei – Rene Amon

Sat eve Oct 18 – Sun Oct 19
27 Tishrei – Jeremy Dossetter
27 Tishrei – Elaine Gottlieb

Wed eve Oct 22 – Thurs Oct 23
1 Cheshvan – Charles Waxman

Happy Birthday!

Murray Baker – October 19
Laura Goldmeier – October 19

Happy Anniversary!

Eddie & Ella Pernik – October 17
Stuart & Catherine Morgan – October 19
Joey & Jamie Mufson – October 22

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"
7:00 PM Downstairs

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

Mondays-Thursdays
Rabbi Smason's "The Book of Judges"
Zoom Class 3:15 PM

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Prayer Times

Friday, October 17

Mincha/Maariv 6:00 PM

Candle Lighting 6:01 PM

Shabbos, October 18

Shachris/Mussaf 9:00 AM

Latest Shema Time 10:00 AM

Mincha 5:40 PM

Shalosh Seudos and Learn
after Mincha

Shabbos Concludes 6:59 PM

Weekday Schedule

Shacharis (Sun) 8:00 AM

Shacharis (Mon, Tues, & Fri) 7:00 AM

Shacharis (Wed-Thurs)
Rosh Chodesh 6:45 AM

Mincha/Maariv (Sun-Thurs) 6:00 PM

Torah Portions



Torah Reading
Genesis 1:1-6:8

2-28

Haftorah:
I Samuel 20:18-42

1207-1208

Shabbos Programming

Soul Building with Rabbi David
10:00 AM

Childcare
10:00-11:30 AM

Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Congregation • Rabbi Aron Rubin, Rabbi • Rabbi Aaron Borow, Emeritus • Rabbi Ze'ev Smason, Emeritus •
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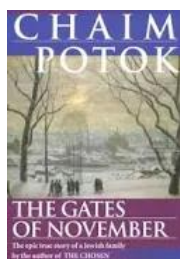
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'Thank you' to all who participated in Sisterhood's
New Year Greetings Fundraiser for 5786

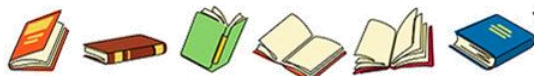
**A HAPPY & SWEET NEW YEAR
TO OUR NHBZ FAMILY**

Sisterhood Book Club News

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



All women are welcome!

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The People of the Book

“The Torah ends with the last command: to keep writing and studying Torah. And this is epitomised in the beautiful custom, on *Simchat Torah*, to move immediately from reading the end of the Torah to reading the beginning. The last word in the Torah is *Yisrael*; the last letter is a *lamed*. The first word of the Torah is *Bereishit*; the first letter is *beit*. *Lamed* followed by *beit* spells *lev*, “heart.” So long as the Jewish people never stop learning, the Jewish heart will never stop beating. Never has a people loved a book more. Never has a book sustained a people longer or lifted it higher.”

— Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, ZT”L
Covenant and Conversation: Deuteronomy

The Purpose of Creation



The Torah begins with its account of how G-d created the world in six days: “*In the beginning of G-d's creation of heaven and earth...*”

We are taught in the Midrash that G-d created the world as a “lower realm” – i.e., a realm initially devoid of Divine consciousness, and even opposed to it – intending that humanity fill the world with Divine consciousness. The tool that G-d gave humanity in order to enable it to perform this feat is the Torah. The drama of creation thus required three elements: the world, the human race, and the Torah, serving respectively as the setting, the actors, and the script.

G-d gave humanity the free choice to ignore Him and His intentions for the world, and this is exactly what the early generations did. In keeping with His decision to grant free choice, G-d obliged, so to speak, by removing His revelation from the world, hiding progressively further behind the façade of nature.

In response to most of humanity's choice to ignore Him, G-d implemented His “contingency plan”: He took the one family that continued to nurture the original ideal of Divine consciousness and forged them into a nation – the Jewish people – with whom He then entrusted the mission of fulfilling His original purpose for creation. The Jewish people would both serve as an inspiration and example for the rest of humanity and encourage them to play their role in His scheme for transforming the world into His home. The Book of Genesis is the chronicle of how the creation of the Jewish people became necessary and how it came to be.

The Divine Soul

“*G-d formed the human out of the dust of the ground and blew into his nostrils a soul of life*” (Genesis 2:7)

By “blowing” the soul into the body, G-d indicated that our soul originates deeper “within” Him than does the rest of creation. This emphasizes the fact that we are the primary purpose of Creation, whereas everything else is secondary.

Our Divine soul is a spark of G-d. Therefore, the soul can never lose its intrinsic connection with G-d. Our challenge is to ensure that this connection remain manifested within our physical being. Just as when one blows, the air can reach its destination only if there are no physical obstructions, so too, the more we free our lives of spiritual “sludge” – harmful or negative thoughts, words, or deeds – the more our G-dly souls can shine freely.

— from *Rabbi Menachem Schneerson*
translated and adapted by *Moshe Wisniefsky*, www.chabad.org

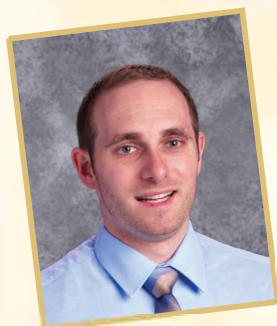


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THE
DATE!**

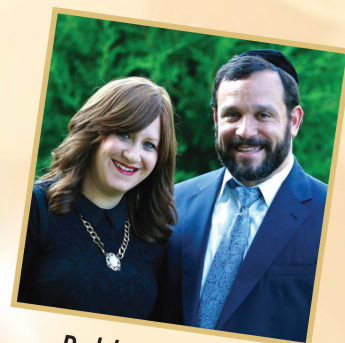
An Evening of
CELEBRATION

Wednesday, December 10, 2025
7:30 in the evening at
Nusach Hari B'nai Zion



Rabbi Aron Rubin

Join us for a Cocktail Reception
as we celebrate our first 120 years
and welcome our new spiritual leader
Rabbi Aron Rubin and Family
and thank our HONOREES for their
dedication and support to NHBZ
over the last two years



Rabbi Yosef &
Rebbetzin Mimi David

Honorees: Rabbi Dov Nimchinsky, Rabbi Shimmy Fried, Rabbi Avi Feigenbaum, Rabbi Yaakov Berkowitz, Rabbi Yitzchok Shimon Hess,
Rabbi Shmuel Miller, Rabbi Avi Bin-Nun, Rabbi Daniel Sentell, and Rabbi & Mrs. Yosef David



Rabbi Nimchinsky



Rabbi Fried



Rabbi Feigenbaum



Rabbi Berkowitz



Rabbi Hess



Rabbi Miller



Rabbi Bin-Nun



Rabbi Sentell

Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

5-7 PM

DELICIOUS ALL YOU CAN EAT KOSHER BUFFET

"NEW PIZZA DOUGH FOR THE NEW YEAR"

PIZZA



PASTA



LOADED

SALAD BAR



PRICING:

ADULTS: \$15

KIDS AGES 3-12:

\$8

KIDS UNDER 3:

FREE

CHOLOV YISROEL CHEESE; GLUTEN FREE CRUSTS UPON REQUEST. ALL FOOD IS CERTIFIED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF RABBI RUBIN



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