



NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

Affiliated with Union of Orthodox Congregations of America



December 19-20, 2025
Candle Lighting 4:24 PM

PARSHAS MIKETZ
Genesis 41:1-44:17

29-30 Kislev 5786
Shabbos Concludes 5:28 PM

Announcement

The donuts this week are sponsored by Sally Needle in honor of the yartzheit of her mother, Leona Needle, Leah bas Yisrael Yuzpa z"l

- Mazel tov to Jay & Peggy Umansky on the birth of a granddaughter, Mia, born to Jonathan & Brianna Umansky

Prayer Times

Friday, December 19

Mincha/Maariv	4:25 PM
Light 6 Chanukah Candles	Before Shabbos Candles
Candle Lighting	4:24 PM

Shabbos, December 20 Rosh Chodesh Teves

Shacharis/Mussaf	9:00 AM
Latest Shema Time	9:37 AM
Mincha	4:10 PM
Shalosh Seudos and Learn	After Mincha
Shabbos Concludes	5:28 PM

Weekday Schedule

Shacharis	8:00 AM
(Sun - Rosh Chodesh Thurs-Legal Holiday)	
Shacharis (Mon-Fri)	7:00 AM
Mincha (Sun-Fri)	4:30 PM

Shabbos Programming

Soul Building with Rabbi David
10:00 AM

Childcare
10:00-11:30 AM

Shul Contact Information

phone: 314-991-2100
Devorah- Office Administrator
email: office@nhbz.org

Rabbi Rubin:
rabrirubin@nhbz.org

Hindy- Bookkeeper
bookkeeper@nhbz.org

Yahrzeits Observed This Week

Dec 19 - 29 Kislev

Annie Alper

Dec 22 - 2 Teves

Mary Feldman Rubin
Laverne Farbstein
Leona Needle

Dec 24 - 4 Teves

Adele Pratzel

Happy Birthday!

December 19
David Gellman
Leslie Gitel
Rhonnie Goldfader

December 23
Marvin Lerner

December 24
Michael Kass

December 21
Debbie Finland
Yosef Granillo
Gavriel Matt

December 25
Gary Sudin

Happy Anniversary!

December 21
Irl & Myra Solomon
Jay & Peggy Umansky

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"
6:45 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

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78974795850?pwd=tw7lIUUmZ8QelPvHvApYZsox8VUem1>

Upcoming Events

December 21 - Chanukah Mania
December 27 - Nov/Dec Birthday Kiddush
January 10 - Tot Shabbos
January 17 - David & Norma Rubin Kiddush
January 24 - Installation Lunch
January 31 - Birthday Kiddush

Community Announcements

- ATTENTION- EVERY TAX DOLLAR IS NEEDED TO FUND THIS VITAL PROGRAM The deadline to secure MOScholars tax credits for this year is December 22. If you have questions or want help with the process, please contact Hillel Anton for more information. 314-200-5781 or hanton@agudahmo.org
- Save the Date: The St. Louis Jewish Community Blood Drive will be at Congregation Young Israel on Sunday, January 11, 2026 from 10 AM - 4 PM. Please come and participate in this life saving chessed.
- The Jewish Federation of St. Louis One Happy Camper program is now accepting applications for Summer 2026. One Happy Camper grants range from \$700-\$1,000 for first time overnight campers. Campers must be enrolled in a session that is at least 12 consecutive days at one of the 150+ nonprofit Jewish overnight camps listed on the Foundation for Jewish Camp website. Families are encouraged to apply as soon as possible at OneHappyCamper.org.

Dear Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Friends,

As our Shul continues to grow, and we look ahead to 2026, we invite you to actively participate in our Shul's committees.

Your time, talent, and perspective are invaluable to our shul community.

Whether you have served on a committee before or this would be your first time, this is a wonderful opportunity to get involved and help shape the future of our shul. We encourage you to choose a committee that speaks to your interests or strengths.

Please reply to president@nhbz.org with the committee you would like to join, and our committee chair will reach out to you soon.

Chesed Committee

The Chesed committee is dedicated to supporting our shul members through acts of kindness, compassion, and care during times of need.

Its members organize assistance, coordinate volunteer efforts, and help ensure that no one in our shul community feels alone or unsupported.



Education Committee

The Education Committee works to enrich the community's learning by supporting inspiring Torah study, engaging youth programming, and meaningful Jewish educational experiences. Its members collaborate to ensure that teaching reflects the values, traditions, and depth of Jewish heritage for all ages.



Finance/Budget Committee

The Finance/Budget committee oversees the responsible stewardship of the shul's financial resources to support its programs, staff, and long-term stability.

Its members work collaboratively to plan budgets, monitor fiscal health, and ensure transparency and sustainability in all financial decisions.

Fundraising Committee

The Fundraising Committee plays a crucial role in our congregation's ability to fully function and provide all of our services. The committee is a dedicated team that develops, organizes, and oversees strategies to generate financial support for our shul. Its members collaborate to plan campaigns and engage donors to ensure the long-term sustainability of NHBZ.

Beyond raising essential funds, the committee helps guide our members and friends in fulfilling the mitzvah of Tzedakah, making charitable giving both meaningful and impactful for our community.



Israel Committee

The Israel committee works to strengthen the community's connection to Israel through education, engagement, and meaningful programming.

Its members promote learning, support Israel-related initiatives, and foster a deep and enduring relationship with our Jewish homeland.



Kitchen Committee

The Kitchen committee ensures that all food preparation in the shul meets high standards of kashrut, cleanliness, and organization. The committee manages supplies, oversees use of the kitchen for events and simchas, and supports communal meals so they run smoothly and respectfully.



Membership/Dues/High Holidays

The Membership committee focuses on welcoming, engaging, and supporting members to ensure they feel connected and valued within the community. Its members work to strengthen relationships, encourage participation, and help every individual find their place in shul community.

The committee evaluates talents, abilities and interests of members to seek candidates for committees and opportunities within the Shul.



Outreach Committee

The Outreach committee is dedicated to welcoming newcomers and strengthening connections with all members of the broader Jewish community who may be affiliated with another movement, unaffiliated, or disaffiliated, at all levels of observance. Its members work to build relationships and encourage meaningful engagement in Jewish life and tradition.

Nusach Hari B'nai Zion remains committed to welcoming and reaching out to all Jews regardless of educational level, level of observance or denominational identity.



Programming Committee

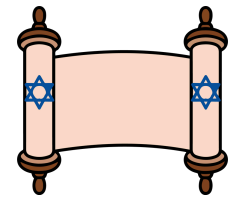
Programming committee develops and coordinates events and experiences that celebrate Jewish life, culture, and community.

Its members work together to create engaging, meaningful programs that foster connection, learning, and shared Jewish identity.

Publicity Committee

The Publicity committee promotes the shul's programs, values, and initiatives through clear, engaging, and timely communication.

Its members work to highlight events, share accomplishments, and strengthen the shul's visibility within and beyond the congregation.



Religious Committee

The Religious Committee works to deepen the community's spiritual life by supporting meaningful tefillah, Torah learning, and the observance of Jewish traditions.

Its members help ensure that services, holidays, and lifecycle events are conducted with authenticity, warmth, and care.

Torah learning is supported by both the Religious and Education Committees, ensuring a comprehensive approach to spiritual growth and Jewish education.

Security & Safety Committee

The Security and Safety committee works to protect the shul community by assessing risks, establishing protocols, and ensuring a secure environment for all who enter the synagogue or campus.

Its members collaborate with leadership and the Jewish Federation/Scott Biondo to promote preparedness, awareness, and the well-being of the entire community.



Thank you,
Bruce Waxman President-elect



Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Congregation
GALA 120 CELEBRATION

An Evening of Celebration

Honoring the **120-year history** of NHBZ,
Rabbi Aron Rubin, and our **Guests of Honor**



We Gratefully Acknowledge the Generosity of All our Sponsors

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Thank you to our Gala 120 Event Committee and Volunteers

Event Chairman: Menachem Szus

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Rhonnie Goldfader
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*Thank you to all who placed Ads in the Ad Journal
and to all who attended NHBZ's GALA 120*

THE GALA 120 COMMITTEE SINCERELY REGRETS ANY ERRORS OR OMISSIONS TO THIS LIST.



THE SISTERHOOD SCOOP

DECEMBER 20



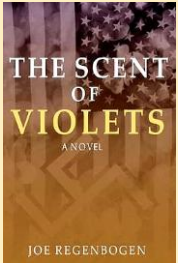
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Next Book Club is January 25



The next Book Club Meeting will be on **Sunday, January 25, 3:30-5:00 PM**, at NHBZ, lower level, just before the January Pizza Night. The book is ***The Scent of Violets***, a novel by St. Louis author Joe Regenbogen. **Come and meet the author himself** as

he expounds on his themes of redemption and forgiveness. **COME FOR BOOK CLUB--STAY FOR PIZZA**
For more information: contact Fran Alper at fran.alper@outlook.com or sisterhood@nhbz.org



GOOD AND EVIL

Darkness, no matter how ominous and intimidating, is not a thing or force: it is merely the absence of light.

So light need not combat and overpower darkness in order to displace it. Where light is, darkness is not. A thimbleful of light will therefore banish a roomful of darkness.

The same is true of good and evil: evil is not a thing or force, but merely the absence or concealment of good. One need not "defeat" the evil in the world; one need only bring to light its inherent goodness.

– www.chabad.org/therebbe

MIKEITZ: Staring Reality in the Face

During the entire time that the brothers met with Joseph in Egypt, they were completely unable to recognize him for who he was. It's quite unbelievable. This viceroy was clearly not of Egyptian origin. He looked exactly like their father, Jacob. They knew that their brother might have ended up in Egypt. He took an abnormal amount of interest in them, giving them grain for nothing. He invited them to a banquet and seated them in order of birth. He was almost too eager to hear tidings of their father and just dying to meet their brother Benjamin (the only one who was Joseph's full brother).

This incredible amount of strange coincidences all added up, quite obviously, to one conclusion: The "Egyptian" viceroy was in fact Joseph, the brother they had sold to slavery. And yet they did not see it.

The Sages tell us that if we do not wish to face reality, it can stare us in the face and we will not see it. If we desire something not to be so, it will not be so. And all the evidence in the world will not change our minds. That is the nature of human beings. We have a frightening propensity to rationalize and convince ourselves that we are honestly seeing reality, when deep down we know we are not.

Joseph had some dreams and the brothers sold him into slavery. They looked at the dreams as delusions of grandeur, rather than prophetic visions. Here, before them, the dreams were becoming reality. They had clearly been wrong in their judgment of Joseph, and horribly wrong to sell him as a slave. This was something they could not bring themselves to accept. It was too painful a realization. This man before them, therefore, could not possibly be Joseph, no matter how much evidence pointed to the contrary.

It happens to us, too. How often do we convince ourselves that things are true because we want them to be, or not true because we do not? The message of this week's Torah portion is clear. Reality always stares us in the face. We do not need to be able to see it. We need to be willing to see it.

– by **Rabbi Shaul Rosenblatt**, www.aish.com

“Terror is not a justifiable means to an acceptable end, because it does not end.”

– **Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks**, ZT”L Not in G-d's Name, p. 266



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.



Keshet

CONNECTING GENERATIONS

Mother Daughter Program

SUNDAY MORNINGS | 10:30 - 11:45 AM

FOR GIRLS: KINDERGARTEN - 5TH GRADE

WITH KESHER KREW FOR GRADES 6TH-8TH

Bitachon

JANUARY 4TH

וְאֶחָבְתִי אֶתְכֶם, אָמַר ה'
Hashem loves me-
It's a reality

JANUARY 11TH

כִּי הִטָּה אָזְנוֹ לִי
Hashem cares about
me, individually.

FEBRUARY 1ST

כֻּלְיָכֵל
We all know,
Hashem is Kol Yachol.
(The Ultimate Power)

FEBRUARY 8TH

הוּא ה' יְדַעַת בְּלֹה
Hashem knows me to
the T!

Location: Nusach Hari B'nai Zion, 650 N. Price Road, Olivette, MO 63132

Committee: Elisheva Anton, Shana Bersin, Tzirel Biron, Riki Gutovich, Temima Klein, Elissa Schachter

A PROGRAM OF
ST. LOUIS
COMMUNITY
Kollel

Where will you be
December 25th??

JOIN US FOR AN AISH FAMILY DISCOVERY DAY

Special Guest: Rabbi Dovid Goldshteyn

Born in Odessa and raised in the U.S., Rabbi Goldshteyn is a former Maccabiah medalist and second-degree black belt whose journey to Israel and Aish HaTorah transformed his life. He became a lead Discovery Seminar lecturer, teaching thousands of students. For the past many years, he has been one of RAJE New York's most beloved educators, guiding young Russian-speaking Jews and leading impactful trips to Israel. He now serves as RAJE's Director of Education, mentoring students, training staff, and hosting countless Shabbos and Yom Tov meals with his family.



Children's
Activities 5 - 12 yrs
Babysitting
Available 0 - 4 yrs



CLASS 1: Judaism is not a faith-based religion...then what is it?
CLASS 2: Could a human being have written the Torah?
CLASS 3: The secret codes in the Torah
CLASS 4: Can science prove God?



Delicious
Kosher
Lunch

EVENT COST (LUNCH NOT INCLUDED): \$25 A PERSON --KIDS ARE FREE WITH PARTICIPATING ADULT -- REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
LUNCH ADDITIONAL: \$25 PER ADULT, \$18 PER CHILD (8 - 12)

TO RSVP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 314-862-2474 OR EMAIL CGOLDSTEIN@AISHSTL.COM

OR SCAN QR CODE TO PAY

NUSACH HARI 650 N. PRICE RD. ST. LOUIS, MO 63132

DECEMBER 25, 10AM - 3PM



BE PART OF
SOMETHING
BIGGER



St. Louis Jewish Community Blood Drive

Sunday, January 11

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Young Israel of St. Louis

8101 Delmar Blvd

To schedule an appt, scan QR code,
or call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401

Every donation earns rewards!
Choose from a
\$20 e-gift card, points to shop
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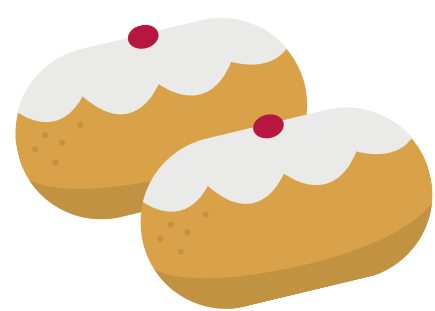
Every donation earns rewards!
Choose from a
\$20 e-gift card, points to shop
our Rewards Store, or
donate e-gift card to your
favorite nonprofit for all
successful donations!





NHBZ PRESENTS:

Chanukah Mania!

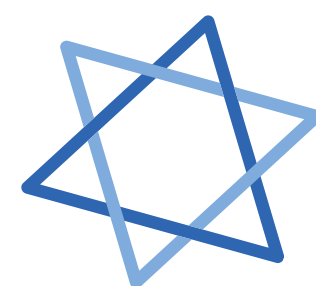


featuring



**a Maccabee Warrior
Training Course &**

Breakfast for the Brave



**Sunday, December 21st
10:30am-12:00pm**

**relay races – dreidel spin off – trivia – storytime – crafts
latkes – gelt – sufganiyot – hot chocolate – fruit**



Suggested Donation: \$18/family



RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/4sQahfUs2utpKAGf8>

