



NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

Affiliated with Union of Orthodox Congregations of America

July 10-11, 2026

Parshios Matos-Masei

25-26 Tammuz 5786

Candle Lighting 8:09 PM

Numbers 30:2-36:13

Shabbos Concludes 9:15 PM

Announcements

- NHBZ board of directors has approved a firearm policy. Consent to carry a handgun will require approval of the Rabbi and board president. If you do not have approval, you cannot carry within the shul premises. This policy is effective immediately. If you have questions of clarification, please see Rodney John or Bruce Waxman.

Yahrzeits Observed This Week

July 10 - 25 Tammuz

Mike Alper

July 13 - 28 Tammuz

Lenora Dobin

Harry Petrovsky

July 11 - 26 Tammuz

Clara Koyen

Rhoda Cook

Joshua Chaim Newman

LeDona Miller

July 12 - 27 Tammuz

Marian Walters

Sylvia Lyss

Anne Greenberg

Libby Needle

July 16 - 2 Av

Sidney Weintraub

Adele Sandler

Happy Birthday!

July 10

Mark Ragin

Boris Yasinev

July 14

Irena Scheer

Anna Rose Tendler

July 12

Judith Glazer

July 15

Ella Pernik

July 13

Murray Hochberg

Happy Anniversary!

July 12

Meira & Shaul Ganel

Prayer Times

Friday, July 10

Mincha/Maariv 7:00 PM

Candle Lighting 8:09 PM

Shabbos, July 11

Shacharis/Mussaf 9:00 AM

Latest Shema Time 9:26 AM

Mincha 7:55 PM

Shalosh Seudos After
and Learn Mincha

Shabbos Concludes 9:15 PM

Weekday Schedule

Shacharis (Sun) 8:00 AM

Shacharis (Mon-Tues,
Thurs-Fri) 7:00 AM

Shacharis (Wed) 6:45 AM

Rosh Chodesh

Mincha (Sun-Thurs) 6:40 PM

Shabbos Programming

Soul Building with Rabbi David
10:00 AM

No Childcare Until Further Notice

Shul Contact Information

To Donate To NHBZ

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Hindy- Bookkeeper
bookkeeper@nhbz.org

Ongoing Classes

Sundays

Rabbi Swidler's "Learning Mishna"
after Shacharis

Mondays

Partners in Torah
Rabbi Rubin's Rambam Class
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"
TBD Downstairs

Thursdays

Rabbi Rubin's "Gemara Class
on Masechet Megillah"
after 7 AM Shacharis

July 9th-August 13

Mrs. Rubin's "Women's Summer
Parsha Class"
10 AM

Rabbi Hess's Amud-a-Week
after Maariv

Upcoming Events

July 18 - Newman Kiddush

July 19 - Get out the vote
Call-a-Thon

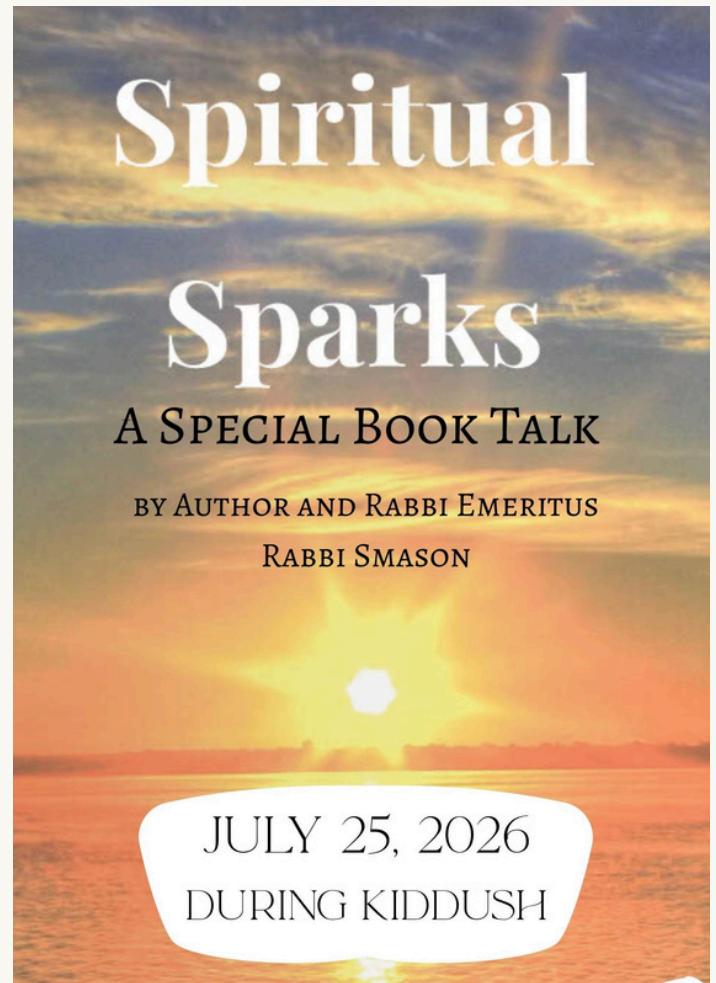
July 25 - Pevnick Kiddush

August 1 - July/August
Birthday Kiddush

August 8 - Radinsky Kiddush

August 15 - Neudorf **Lunch**

August 30 - NHBZ Picnic



Community Events

- July 12th a community-wide event commemorating the 20th Yahrzeit of Sarah Adelman z"l will take place at 11:15 AM in the Beit Midrash of Young Israel and via Zoom featuring Rabbi Menachem Leibtag on "The Concept of Moshiach in Yechezkel, in Light of the Menorah of Zecharya." To obtain a zoom link email samfstl@gmail.com after July 5th.
- All are invited to join the Aish Tisha B'av program on Thursday, July 23rd from 2-4 PM at the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum, where they will present the film "Undeniable." Preregistration is required by July 20th to cgoldstein@aishstl.com

- A Message from Agudath Israel of MO:

Voting for the Aug. 4th Primary Election is underway!

If you will be away on August 4th, you can go vote now, M-F from 8:00-4:30 at the Board of Elections office.

Early voting at additional locations, including the Clayton library, opens Tuesday, July 21st.

Every single eligible community member should be sure to vote. Keep in mind that no matter your party registration, Missouri holds open primaries so you can request a Democrat or Republican ballot when you get to the polls. Questions? Go to - agudah.org/vote/missouri or email sbotuck@agudahmo.org.



THE SISTERHOOD SCOOP

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The Three Weeks

From Destruction to Renewal

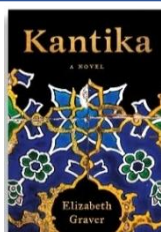
The three weeks "between the strictures" of Tammuz 17 and Av 9 are designated as a time of mourning over the destruction of the Holy Temple and the resultant *galut*—physical exile and spiritual displacement—in which we still find ourselves. In this period, both the first and second Temples were destroyed, and many calamities befell the Jewish people throughout the generations.

It is a time of fasting and lamentation as well as a time of increased Torah study and giving of charity. *A sense of purification accompanies the fasting, a promise of redemption pervades the mourning, and a current of joy underlies the sadness.* The Ninth of Av, say our sages, is not only the day of the Temple's destruction—it is also the birthday of Moshiach.

- excerpted from Chabad.org

Book Club News

The NHBZ Book Club's next book is ***Kantika***, by Elizabeth Graver, a Sephardic multigenerational saga that moves from Istanbul to Barcelona, Havana, and New York, and explores themes of family, displacement, endurance, identity, and beauty. The novel is inspired by the life story of the author's maternal grandmother. The book will be discussed on **Sunday, July 26, 3:30-5:00 PM**, at NHBZ lower level, before July's Pizza Night.



The remaining Book Club selections for 2026:

MONDAY, SEPT. 28, 6:45-8:00PM

Out of the Sky: Heroism and Rebirth in Nazi Europe, by Matti Friedman

SUNDAY, NOV. 29, 3:30-5:00PM

Kosher USA: How Coke Became Kosher and Other Tales of Modern Food, by Roger Horowitz

Men & women are welcome!

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

MATOS-MASSEI: Petty Theft – by Rabbi Elisha Greenbaum

You would never steal a towel or bathrobe from a friend's house, so why are you so tempted every time you check out of a hotel? You'd never borrow money and then falsely claim to have returned it, so why do so many people economize with the truth when filling out their tax returns?

When shopping at the local corner store, you scrupulously pay for everything in your basket and return the extra change you were given by mistake, but when negotiating on the phone with the call center of a multinational corporation, you sometimes stretch the truth and present a totally skewed perspective on the issues.

It's not honesty that keeps you from theft; it's empathy. When dealing with an individual you can see the direct impact of your actions, while lying to the government or ripping off a conglomerate feels like a victimless crime. The supermarket chain will never miss that grape you just popped in your mouth, and how can you trust the government to spend your tax dollars wisely? They'll never miss what they don't know.

But you know the truth. To steal 1 cent is as immoral as stealing a million dollars. It is as wrong to take something from the government as it is to take it from a neighbor. Morality is not relative; it just feels that way sometimes.

And this might explain a seeming redundancy in this week's Parshah. The Jews were commanded to go to war against the nation of Midian. One thousand men of each tribe were drafted and enjoyed a miraculous victory in battle. They captured tremendous treasures of booty from their victorious campaign. The Torah then goes into extreme detail to describe how these spoils were distributed amongst the warriors, the *kohanim*, the Levites and the rest of Israel. Not only does it enumerate the value of the gold and the exact number of sheep, cows, donkeys and slaves captured, it even calculates as a percentage and then again as a final amount how many of each item were kept by the warriors and then how much was given away (Numbers 31:26-54).

It hardly seems necessary to go into such detail. Why not just tell us that the soldiers came back with a whole heap of loot, and kicked back a percentage to those they left behind? Those Midianite sheep and cows have been dead for over 3,000 years by now; why should I care exactly how many there were in the first place?

But that's the point the Torah is making. Every single animal was counted; every gold coin and necklace was accounted for. Not one Israelite indulged in a spot of private pillage or plunder, and nobody went looking to feather his own nest.

It would have been so tempting to skim some off the top. Doesn't G-d help those who help themselves? It would hardly seem like theft; it's random Midianite treasure, belonging to no one in particular, and all the original owners are dead already anyway.

And that's why the Torah enumerates everything that came in and everything that went out: to reaffirm for all ages that when we live life according to G-d's rules, every cent counts. There is no such thing as a small theft, because ultimately everything belongs to G-d. - www.chabad.org

Women's Summer Parsha Series

with Leia Rubin

**Thursdays at 10AM
July 9 - August 13**

**Pepose-Feigenbaum Multipurpose Room
or Zoom:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83795395408?
pwd=9EOsL9Pj1c1xaduWgKM3saD2v5OXsi.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83795395408?pwd=9EOsL9Pj1c1xaduWgKM3saD2v5OXsi.1)

*Nusach Hari
B'nai Zion*

PICNIC IN THE LOT

FOAM PARTY | KIDS ACTIVITIES | CAR SHOW | BBQ

Gather your friends, family, and loved ones for a delightful day filled with laughter, delicious food, and the beauty of the great outdoors!

Make sure to bring your appetite as there will be hamburger, veggie burger, or hot dog plates for sale all at \$10 a piece.

And to stay cool in the St. Louis heat enjoy some free snow cones!

LOCATION: NHBZ PARKING LOT (650 N.PRICE RD)

DATE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026

TIME: 4-7PM



NHBZ Item Wishlist

Please contact the office, preferably by email (office@nhbz.org), if you wish to purchase any of the following items for our Shul.

Kitchen and Food Items

Item	Price	Purchased by
Electric Burr Coffee Grinder	\$120	Marvin and Doris Lerner
Kitchen Knives	\$100	
Kitchen Knives (additional)	\$100	
Kiddush Cups	\$50	Faye Cohen and Brian McCary
Stones for Knife Sharpening	\$40	

Sefarim (Books)

Item	Price	Purchased by
Tur and Shulchan Aruch Set	\$800 \$620	\$180 contributed by Esther Soumekhian
Dirshu Mishnah Berurah Set	\$130	Jerry & Gail Tullman
Gemara Set	\$650	
Rambam Set	\$150	Daniel and Marcela Morgensztern
Mini Gemara Set (for upstairs)	\$170	
Chumash Torat Chaim Set	\$220	
Chumash Masorat HaRav Set (Rav Soloveitchik) (English)	\$160	
The Little Midrash Says Set (for kids - English)	\$160	
The Weekly Parashah Jaffa Edition Set (for kids - English)	\$160	Jerry & Gail Tullman
My First Parsha Reader - Devarim (for young kids - English)	\$40	Yosef & Bekka Rube
Chumash Rav Hirsch Set (English)	\$110	Joel Ehrlich
Chumash Rabbi Sacks (English)	\$60	Lenny & Fran Alper
Guide to the Perplexed (English)	\$50	

Judaica Items

Item	Price	Purchased by
Set of Tags for Torah Scrolls	\$250	Victor and Anna Rose Tandler