



NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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Shabbos December 17, 2016

17 Kislev, 5777

Torah Portion: Vayishlach
Haftorah:

Genesis 32:4--36:43
Obadiah 1:1-21

Stone Chumash pages 170-197
Stone Chumash pages 1141-1142

Candle Lighting ~ 4:23 pm

Shabbos Concludes ~ 5:26 pm

Our Generous Sponsors This Shabbos . . .

*This week's Shabbos Bulletin is sponsored by **Rhonnie Goldfader and Shayna Scribner** with gratitude to the NHBZ Congregation for recognizing them with the HaKaras HaTov award*

*Thank you to **Nancy and Eddie Pevnick, Marilyn, Andrew, Michael, and Suzanne Liss** for sponsoring this Shabbos bulletin in honor of the 90th birthday of **Norman Liss**!*

*Thank you to **Louis, Rebecca, and Max Goldman** for enhancing the Kiddush today on the occasion of **Louis**' birthday!*

*The brownies today are sponsored by the **Kaiser family** to wish the **Goldman family** a magical adventure in Florida!*

*Thank you to **Rhonnie Goldfader and Leslie Gitel** for sponsoring the cake for their birthdays this week.*

*Thank you to **Jay and Peggy Umansky** for sponsoring the chocolate cake for Peggy's birthday and their wedding anniversary and for also sponsoring the Shabbos bulletin!*

*Thank you to **Moshe and Louise Givon** for also enhancing our Kiddush in memory of their mothers, **Miriam Givon and Mathilde Malka**.*

*And, thank you to **Judy Levin** for further enhancing the Kiddush in memory of her mother, **Elsie Drexler**.*

*Thank you to **Alan and Janet Haber** for enhancing the Kiddush today in honor of all the teachers and all the students who attended the wonderful educational programs during 2016.*

Erev Shabbos, Friday, December 16, 2016

- **Mincha & Ma'ariv ~ 4:20pm**

Shabbos, Saturday, December 17, 2016

- **Shachris & Musaf ~ 9:00 am ~ Thank You for Leading Davening!**

- Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
- Shacharis: **Louis Goldman**
- Leyning: **Michael Shapiro**

- Haftorah: **Kenny Bressler**
- Drasha: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
- Musaf: **Louis Goldman**

- **Learners' Service ~ 9:30 am ~ Led by Rabbi Yosef David in the Rivkin Chapel**
- **Starting Points: Wisdom For Daily Living~ 10:15 am~ topic "Work: Love It, Tolerate It, or Ignore It" ~ Led by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason in the Rivkin Chapel.**
- **Mincha/Ma'ariv/ Shalosh Seudos ~ 4:05 pm**

Happy Birthday this week to: Frances Rothman, Dr. Jonathan Shanker, Susan Schwartz, Peggy Umansky, Leslie Gitel, Rhonnie Goldfader, Mindy Woolf, Robert Friedman(last week) & Norman Liss!

Happy Anniversary to: Daniel & Julie Rosenbluth and Jay & Peggy Umansky.

SHUL Events

- **Shabbos, December 17 ~** The Education Committee will be acknowledging the participants and teachers from this past year's adult education programming.
- **Shabbos, December 24 ~** It is our privilege to honor the memories of **Charles and Rebecca Nathan** by naming the South street of our property in their honor. It is through the Nathans' extreme generosity that we were able to acquire our new property at this location and were assisted in fulfilling our financial obligations for many years. Yihye Zichram Baruch.
- **Sunday, December 25 ~ Pizza Night!** Since this month's Pizza Night is Christmas day **we are asking for volunteers** earlier than usual to fill our one hour serving line shifts from 5:00-6:00 pm and from 6:00-7:00pm. **You can respond to this email and let us know which shift you would like**, only one hour of your time to make Pizza Night a community success!
- **Monday, January 9, ~ The Home Study Group** returns with a discussion of: **"The Jewish View of Jesus: Myth, Man or Messiah?"** at the home of **Ed and Helayne Levitt**. Rsvp to 991-2100 ext. 2, at which time you will receive the address for the meeting.
- **Shabbos, January, 14 ~ Synaplex ~ Speaker and topics:**
 - "Their Last Words: Final Messages of Great Rabbis and Famous People" **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
 - "A Look Ahead at the U.S.-Israel Relationship" **Joshua Hahn, AIPAC, Missouri Area Director**
 - "Miriam: The Paradigm of Female Jewish Leadership" **Rabbi Doron Lazarus, Jewish Learning Experience, Director**

Thank You!

2016 111th Anniversary Celebration
Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Congregation
December 11, 2016

On behalf of the Anniversary Dinner Committee, I thank our honorees, **Rabbi Yosef & Mimi David**, HaKaras HaTov Award recipients **Rhonnie Goldfader** and **Dr. Shayna Scribner**, and Israel Advocacy Award recipient **Irl Solomon**. I also thank all those who attended the dinner, placed ads in the journal, sponsored the event and donated prizes, and all those who helped in so many ways. Stay tuned for more next week.

~ Lenny Alper, Co-Chair

Minyan men needed for January 2017

We will be missing 3 regular minyan attendees the entire month of January. Please try to help make a minyan. Contact Howard at 409-7266

*Black/Grey double-breasted overcoat mistakenly taken from closet at the end of the annual dinner.
Please return to office.*

Adult Learning at NHBZ

Every Shabbos ~ Starting Points: "Wisdom for Daily Living" with Rabbi Ze'ev Smason ~ A program tailor-made for those, regardless of prior educational or observance level, interested in growing Jewishly. Each freestanding session (at 10:15 am every Shabbos, unless otherwise noted) explores a distinct Jewish concept in practical, understandable terms. Join us to learn, explore, and raise your Jewish soul with the following eye-opening sessions:

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Every Wednesday at 12:15 pm Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Smason. Study Pirkei Avos / Ethics of the Fathers. This class is also available to view from your computer on Wednesday's at 12 pm CST. Visit our website at www.nhbz.org - click on 'media', then 'online classes', then 'ustream_graphic'. Enjoy!

The Wednesday Mincha Minyan ~ 1:05 pm. Please join us for Rabbi Smason's 12:15 P.M. class on Pirkei Avos (Ethics of the Fathers) ~ and stay for a brief Mincha minyan immediately following the class.

Amud-A-Week Program. Join Rabbi Daniel Freund every Monday following Ma'ariv (please note the time change) for a weekly Talmud class/shiur. This class is open to everyone, whether you are unacquainted with Talmud or are on a basic or intermediate level.

In the Community

Monday, December 19th, 2pm at Nusach Hari B'nai Zion ~The St. Louis Kollel Senior Kollel Division Presents "Mindfulness and Memory" with Dr. Eric Lenze.. For more information, contact Rabbi Gidon Nitsun at (314) 726-6047 or email gnitsun@stlkollel.com

Scholarship Opportunities for Teen Travel to Israel

Jewish Federation of St. Louis, through the Israel Center, announces the availability of several grants and scholarships for teens and young adults traveling to Israel in 2017 on a peer-based educational experience.

Stuart I. Pessin Merit Grant – Two high school teens will be awarded \$1,250 each for their 2017 Israel experience. Applications are due January 31, 2017.

Need-Based Scholarship – This scholarship is open to high school teens and extends through their gap year. Applications are due January 31, 2017.

Israel Travel Grant - Open to all teens and young adults, the award is based on length of stay in Israel; \$750 for summer programs, \$1,000 for semester programs and \$1,500 for gap year programs. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis from teens and young adults upon completion of 9th grade through age 26.

Additional details and applications can be found at <http://www.ifedstl.org/israel-center/israel-teen-young-adult-subsidies/>.

Parshas Vayishlach

Jacob and his family returned from the house of Laban to the land of Israel, only to find Esau heading toward them with 400 men, ready for battle. After preparing his family for war and praying to G-d for help, Jacob attempts to appease his brother by sending him a gift of many animals. After his family crosses the river to await the meeting with Esau, Jacob is left alone for an all-night 'confrontation' with an angel disguised as a man. Although Jacob is victorious, he is left limping from a hip-dislocation.

Rejoining his family, Jacob encounters Esau who accepts him with an apparent new-found brotherly love. Jacob and Esau part ways in peace. Another crisis arises when Jacob's daughter Dinah is abducted and raped by Shechem, the prince of a town with the same name. Two of Jacob's sons, outraged at the humiliation caused to their sister, trick the town's residents into circumcising themselves on the condition that they would then be allowed to intermarry with Jacob's family. Simeon and Levi (two sons of Jacob) then decimate the entire city and save Dinah. Later in the portion, G-d blesses Jacob and gives him the additional name, Israel. Soon after, Rachel dies while giving birth to Benjamin, Jacob's twelfth son. Finally, Jacob returns home and is reunited with his father Isaac. The Torah portion concludes with a lengthy genealogy of Esau's family.

NHBZ Tributes December 11-16

Rabbi and Chani Smason, Mazel Tov on your new granddaughter - *Alan and Janet Haber*

Rhonnie Goldfader, Mazel Tov on your HaKaras HaTov Award - *Alan and Janet Haber*

Shayna Scribner, Mazel Tov on your HaKaras HaTov Award - *Alan and Janet Haber*

Rabbi Yosef and Mimi David, Mazel Tov on being honored by NHBZ - *Alan and Janet Haber*

Dr. Faye Cohen on her Birthday - *Alan and Janet Haber*

Sandie Abrams on her Birthday - *Alan and Janet Haber*

Joni and Bob Kaiser on the engagement of their daughter Rebecca - *Jay and Peggy Umansky*

Phyllis and Howard Loiterstein on their 45th wedding anniversary - *Jay and Peggy Umansky*

Brian McCary for a Refuah Shelemah - *Jay and Peggy Umansky*

Joni and Bob Kaiser on the engagement of their daughter Rebecca - *David and Jill Mogil*

Rabbi and Chani Smason, Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter - *Bob and Joni Kaiser*

Tributes made to the Libby Needle Fund-

Rabbi & Mrs. Ze'ev Smason in honor of the birth of granddaughter - *Jackie & Craig Berkin*

Dr. & Mrs. Ethan Schuman in memory of Esther Fredman, beloved mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother - *Jackie & Craig Berkin*

Join the Minyan - It's good for us, it's good for you!

| This Week's Schedule | Shabbos Dec 17 | Sunday Dec 18 | Monday Dec 19 | Tuesday Dec 20 | Wednesday Dec 21 | Thursday Dec 22 | Friday Dec 23 | Shabbos Dec 24 |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Shacharis | 9:00 am | 8:00 am | 7:00 am | 7:00 am | 7:00 am | 7:00 am | 7:00 am | 9:00 am |
| Mincha/Ma'ariv | 4:05 pm | 4:20 pm | 4:20 pm | | Mincha 1:05 pm | | 4:20 pm | 4:10 pm |
| Ma'ariv only | | | | 6:45 pm | 6:45 pm | 6:45 pm | | |

NHBZ Event Planner

(Check "**Shul News . . .**" for time, date or location changes.)

Call the office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2, to confirm the date and time of any event.

All events will be at NHBZ unless otherwise noted.

WEEKLY at NHBZ

SHABBOS

- Tefillah Class (9:30 am) led by Rabbi Yosef David in the Rivkin Chapel.
- Child Care (10:15 am – Noon) for kids 3 & under in the Children's Room.
- Learners Service (10:15 am) led by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason in the Rivkin Chapel.
- Shabbos Tanach (Bible) (1/2 hour before Mincha)

SUNDAY

- Mishna Learning (after Shacharis) with Rabbi Chanan Swidler.
- "Mystical Moments" with Rabbi Max Weiman. (between Mincha & Maariv.)
- Tanya (8:00 pm) with Rabbi Shaya Mintz, of the St. Louis Kollel.

MONDAY

- Mah Jongg (Mondays, 4-6:00 pm) NHBZ Lower Level. Proceeds benefit The NHBZ Chesed Fund.

WEDNESDAY

- Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn (12:15-1:00 pm) Studying Pirkei Avos.

BI-MONTHLY at NHBZ

JUNIOR CONGREGATION & TOT SHABBAT ~

MONTHLY at NHBZ

- Mussar Mondays (First Monday) 7:00-7:45 pm. at the home of Richard & Mindy Woolf.
- Women's Home Study Group (First Tuesday) 2:30 pm with Rabbi Shaya Mintz, of the St. Louis Kollel, at the home of Jackie Berkin.
- Sisterhood (Third Tuesday)
- Dine-In Pizza Night (Last Sunday) 5:00 – 7:00 pm
Place Carry-Out Pizza orders by 10:00 am, 314-991-2100, ext 2. Pick up time 4:30–4:45 pm.

NHBZ Signature Events

- Synaplex Shabbos- Services begin at 8:30am
- Shabbos Lunch & Learn



*Join us at the upcoming
Home Discussion Group*

“The Jewish View of Jesus: Myth, Man or Messiah?”

*The latest in a series of discussions at
the homes of our members and friends.*

Led by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason.



**Please join us on
Monday, January 9, 2017
at the home of *Ed and Helayne Levitt* for a
lively discussion!**

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to Jeff at **314-991-2100** or jeff@nhbz.org by the Wednesday before the gathering.
Addresses and phone numbers will be given at the time of your RSVP.



Saturday

Starting Points:

Wisdom for Daily Living

Shabbat Morning

Join us as we re-envision and enhance
Rabbi Smason's popular 10:15 a.m. Learners Service.

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Kosher

DINE-In Buffet

**All You Can Eat Buffet of Pizza,
Hot Italian Pasta, Salad and
Garlic Bread plus Dessert & Beverage**

Sunday, December 25 / 5:00p.m. 7:00p.m.

*Special Chanukah Edition!
With Jelly Donuts!*

Adults: \$12.00

Kids 4-10: \$6.00

CREDIT CARDS ARE ACCEPTED

Kids 3 & under: FREE

(Movie for the Kids in the lower level)



..also...CARRY OUT Pizza --

Pick up: 4:30 - 4:45 p.m. Pre-Paid orders only.

Orders **must be placed** by **10 a.m. Sunday Dec. 25**

Call: 314-991-2100, ext. 2

The cheese is Cholov Yisroel.

All food served will be under the supervision of Rabbi Ze'ev Smason.

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Prayerbook Hebrew for Adults

Announcing a really great opportunity to learn to read and understand the prayers in Hebrew!!!

Chani Pinsberg will be our teacher for this 5 week series of classes. Chani has been teaching extensively in the St. Louis area for many years. She received her degree in teaching Hebrew grammar and Arabic at Tel Aviv University. She loves sharing her knowledge and love of the Hebrew language with her students.

- ***The class will run each Monday from Jan. 16, 2017 to Feb. 13, 2017.***
- ***Classes will meet in the Youth Lounge at Nusach Hari B'nai Zion from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on Monday evenings. Use the lower, North entrance.***
- ***Knowledge of the basic Hebrew Alphabet and a minimal exposure to some basic reading fundamentals is desirable.***
- ***The cost for the course is \$25.00 for Members and \$30 for non-members of NHBZ.***

***Please place your reservation and provide payment to Jeff at the shul office
by January 6th, 2017.***

Call Jeff at 314-991-2100 ext. 2 or email to Jeff@nhbz.org