

## **NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin**

#### Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

President Robert Kaiser

Shabbos December 24, 2016

24 Kislev, 5777

Torah Portion: Vayeshev Haftorah:

Genesis 37:1- 40:23 Amos 2:6 – 3:8 Stone Chumash pages 198-221 Stone Chumash pages 1142-43

Candle Lighting ~ 4:26 pm

Shabbos Concludes ~ 5:27pm

#### Our Generous Sponsors This Shabbos . . .

Thank you to **Howard and Phyllis Loiterstein** for sponsoring the enhanced Kiddush today in celebration of their anniversary!

Erev Shabbos, Friday, December 23, 2016

Mincha & Ma'ariv ~ 4:20pm
 Shabbos, Saturday, December 24, 2016

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

- Pesukei D'Zimra: **Menachem Szus** 

- Shacharis: **Menachem Szus** 

- Leyning: **Moshe Leib Cohen** 

- Haftorah: Dr. Naftali Kadosh

- Drasha: Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

- Musaf: Richard Woolf

- Learners' Service ~ 9:30 am ~ Led by Rabbi Yosef David in the Rivkin Chapel
- ◆ Starting Points: Wisdom For Daily Living~ 10:15 am~ topic "Chanukah: Do Miracles Still Happen?" ~ Led by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason in the Rivkin Chapel.
- Mincha/Ma'ariv/ Shalosh Seudos ~ 4:10 pm

#### The first night of Chanukah is December 24 and the last night of Chanukah is December 31

Happy Birthday this week to: Gary Sudin, Daniel Zarkowsky, Mark Tendler, and Daniella Yasinev

Happy Anniversary to:

Ronald & Sandra Segall, Howard & Phyllis Loiterstein, and Dr. Craig & Jackie Berkin

#### SHUL Events ....

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 ~ Chanukah Pizza Night with jelly donuts and a toy raffle for the Kids ~ 5:00- 7:00 pm! Bring your family and friends to enjoy a delicious dinner of pizza, pasta, salad and garlic bread, dessert and beverage! Plus a movie for the kids every month! (Please place carry-out orders by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, December 25, 314-991-2100, ext. 2. Pick up time for carry out pizzas is 4:30-4:45 p.m.)
- Sunday, January 8 ~ "Israeli Falafel Night" with Special Guest Chefs, Dror Sheleg and Amir Noy! It will be delicious! 5:00-7:00 pm
- 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

#### NHBZ Tributes sent Dec 17-24

A Refuah Shelemah to Brian McCary - Ellie Kaiser To Bob Kaiser in appreciation – Harvey and Dorit Iken

#### 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

The Wednesday Mincha Minyan at 1:05 pm, immediately following Rabbi Smason's class.

#### **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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January 13, 2017: "Responsibility: Are You Preventing You?"

**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'.

**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.

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

This Week's Schedule	Shabbos Dec 24	Sunday Dec 25	Monday Dec 26	Tuesday Dec 27	Wednesday Dec 28	Thursday Dec 29	Friday Dec 30	Shabbos Dec 31
Shacharis	9:00 am	8:00 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	6:45 am Rosh Chodesh	9:00 am
Mincha/ Ma'ariv	4:10 pm	4:25 pm	4:25 pm		Mincha 1:05 pm		4:25 pm	4:15 pm
Ma'ariv only	Chanukah Light first candle (after dark)	Chanukah Day 1	Chanukah Day 2	6:45 pm Chanukah Day 3	6:45 pm Chanukah Day 4	6:45 pm Rosh Chodesh Teves Chanukah Day 5	Chanukah Day 6	Chanukah Day 7

#### **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.
- Starting Points (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
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**Chanukah** begins on the evening of the 25th of Kislev (Saturday Night December 24th) and continues for eight days.

- For the entire eight days of Chanukah it is forbidden to fast or to eulogize.
- It is permitted to work; however it is customary for women not to work for at least the first half hour of the candles' burning, and some have the custom not to work for the entire time of burning. The types of activities that are forbidden are things like sewing and laundry etc. (Cooking is permitted.)
- There is no obligation to have festive meals; however it is customary to celebrate by eating special meals anyway, because of the fact that the dedication of the Temple and Altar took place during Chanukah.
- It is customary to sing during the meals songs that thank and praise Hashem. To sing and speak about Torah makes the meal into a seudat mitzvah, a meal of religious significance.

#### **CHANUKAH BLESSINGS**

The following blessings are said on each of the eight nights of Chanukah. Where there are spaces, be sure to say G-d's name in Hebrew.

BA-RUCH A-TAH A-DO-\_\_\_ AI E-LO- \_\_AY-NU ME-LECH HA-O-LAM A-SHER KID-SHA-NU

BE-MITZ-VO-SAV VE-TZEE-VA-NU LE-HAD-LIK NER SHEL CHANUKAH

You, L-rd our G-d, Source of our blessings, King of the Universe, Who sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us to light the Chanukah candles.

BA-RUCH A-TAH A-DO-\_\_\_ AI E-LO-\_\_AY-NU ME-LECH HA-O-LAM SHEH-A-SAH NEE-SEEM

LA-A-VO-SAY-NU BA-YA-MEEM HA-HEM BA Z'MAN HA-ZEH

You, L-rd our G-d, Source of our blessings, King of the Universe, Who performed wonders for our fathers in those days, at this season.

#### The following blessing is added on the first night of Chanukah only:

BA-RUCH A-TAH A-DO-\_\_\_ AI E-LO-\_\_AY-NU ME-LECH HA-O-LAM SHEH-HE-YA-NU

VE-KEE-MA-NU VE-HI-GEE-ANU LA-Z'MAN HA-ZEH

You, L-rd our G-d, Source of our blessings, King of the Universe, Who has kept us alive and preserved us and enabled us to reach this season.

## DINE-In Buffet

# Kosher 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

#### PLUS - KIDS TOY RAFFLE

The cheese is Cholov Yisroel.

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

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# 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.



# 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



# 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.

Each session is tailor-made for those, regardless of prior educational or observance level, interested in growing Jewishly. Together we will explore distinct Jewish concepts in practical, understandable terms.

Join us at 10:15 a.m. every Shabbat (unless otherwise noted) to learn, explore, and raise your Jewish soul with the following eye-opening sessions led by Rabbi Smason:

**December 17, 2016: "Work: Love It, Tolerate It, or Ignore It"** 

December 24, 2016: "Chanukah: Do Miracles Still Happen?"

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#### An open invitation to NHBZ's



Saturday

Shabbat Morning

# **January 14, 2017**

Regular services begin at 8:30 a.m.

Tefillah/Prayer Learners Service at 9:15 am in the Chapel (led by Rabbi Yosef David of Aish HaTorah)

Starting Points: Wisdom for Daily Living at 10:15 am in the Chapel

Topic: "Responsibility: Are You Preventing You?" (led by Rabbi Smason)

**Tot Shabbat** (for kids 1-6) begins at **10 a.m.** (Babysitting provided for younger kids)

**Junior Congregation** (for kids 7-11) begins at **10 a.m**.

#### Break-out sessions beginning at 11:15 a.m.

"Their Last Words: Final Messages of Great Rabbis and Famous People"

(Led by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason)

"A Look Ahead at the U.S.-Israel Relationship"

(Led by Joshua Hahn, AIPAC Kansas, Missouri and Wisconsin Area

Director)

"Miriam: The Paradigm of Female

Jewish Leadership" (Led by Rabbi Doron

Lazarus, Jewish Learning Experience, Director)

Following those sessions, at approximately 12:15 p.m., all attendees will then re-gather together for a Kiddush lunch.

NHBZ's Synaplex Shabbat is free and open to the Jewish public. Home hospitality for the weekend is available.