



NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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Shabbos February 25, 2017

Parshas Shekalim

29 Shevat, 5777

Torah Portion: Mishpatim Exodus 21:1 -- 24:18

Maftir: Exodus 30:11-16

Haftorah: 2 Kings 11:17 - 12:17, 1 Samuel 20:18, 42

Stone Chumash pages 416-443

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Candle Lighting ~ 5:30 pm

Shabbos Concludes ~6:34 pm

Our Generous Sponsors This Shabbos . . .

Thank you to Alan and Vivian Zarkowsky for sponsoring Shalosh Seudos in observance of the yahrzeit of Alan's father, Nathan Zarkowsky.

Erev Shabbos, Friday, February 24, 2017

- Mincha & Ma'ariv ~ 5:20 pm

Shabbos, Saturday, February 25, 2017

Welcome! Today's Shabbos Greeters: Teree Farbstein and Fran Alper

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

- Pesukei D'Zimra: Menachem Szus

- Shacharis: Menachem Szus

- Leyning: Max Gornish

- Haftorah: Kenny Bressler

- Drasha: Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

- Musaf: Max Gornish

- Learners' Service ~ 9:30 am ~ Led by Rabbi Yosef David in the Rivkin Chapel.
- Starting Points: Wisdom For Daily Living ~ 10:15 am ~ Topic- "Tick Tock: What is Time?" ~ Led by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason in the Rivkin Chapel.
- Mincha/Ma'ariv/ Shalosh Seudos ~ 5:15 pm

Happy Birthday to: Larry Chervitz, David Pepose, and Tammy Sallis

Happy anniversary to: none this week

SHUL Events

- Sunday, February 26 ~ Holiday series class **"PURIM REVEALED"** exploring the ins and outs of Purim with Rabbi Smason. 10:00-11:30 am. Don't miss this class!
- Sunday, February 26 ~ Rabbi Ze'ev and Chani Smason will be honorees at the dinner event, Jewish Unity Live 2017. The Smason's will receive the 'Spirit of St. Louis Kollel Award'.

- **Shabbos, March 3 ~ 4 ~ Friday Night dinner and Shabbaton** with students and staff from Epstein Hebrew Academy. **Shabbat dinner RSVP** Adults: \$15.00, Kids 6-10: \$10.00, Kids 5 & under: no charge ~ **Reservations are a MUST, call by March 1** ~ Call 314-991-2100 ext 2
- **Shabbos, March 11 ~ JUNIOR CONGREGATION and TOT SHABBAT ~ 10:00 am**
- **Sunday, March 12 ~ PURIM** ~ Purim Seudah 6:15 pm. **See the full Purim Schedule in this bulletin.**
- **Shabbos, March 18 ~ Synaplex** ~ Great Breakout sessions. Speakers and topic are:
 - *"Their Last Words: Final Messages of Great Rabbis and Famous People" -- Rabbi Ze'ev Smason*
 - *"Christians Supporting Israel: What's Their Real Agenda?" -- Tommy Waller, founder of HAYOVEL (a non-profit organization that brings Christian volunteers from around the world to serve Jewish farmers in Israel).*
 - *"From Purim to Pesach: The Meaning of Redemption" -- Rabbi Yaakov Silverman, St. Louis Kollel*

Are you using your Schnucks script card? In 2016 NHBZ received over **\$1,400**, and that was with less than half of our members using them. If anyone needs a card, we have them in the office.

NHBZ Tributes February 16-23

To Mark Ragin and Gail Rose and Sally Katz and Dr. Eliot Katz in memory of Mark and Sally's mother, Rose Ragin- Larry and Faith Comensky, Jay and Peggy Umansky, Dale and Noeleen Kroke, Ruth Novack, Jerry and Francis Cohen, Susan and Michael Mlynarczyk, Shelly and Steven Pincus, Cheryl Ring Mantinband, Sarah Cole

To David and Norma Rubin in memory of David's mother, Jeanette Rubin – Gary Benson, Jessica Fadem, Dr. Eliot and Sally Katz

To Rabbi and Chani Smason on receiving the 'Spirit of St. Louis Kollel Award – Judy Levin, Margaret Cohen Voss

To Dr. Ethan and Debby Schuman on the marriage of their daughter - Howard and Phyllis Loiterstein

To Jerry and Francis Cohen on their anniversary -Gloria Sirkin

To Bruce, Faith and Gloria Waxman on the engagement of Sarah Beth to Gavriel Matt - Lenny and Fran Alper

To Bob Kaiser on his birthday- Jacob and Judy Levin

To Lenny Alper on his birthday- Jacob and Judy Levin

To Norman and Marilyn Liss on their anniversary- Judy and Jacob Levin

Today's Parshas: Mishpatim

Following on the heels of the Ten Commandments, this week's Torah portion deals primarily with civil law. Like the realm of the ceremonial, our worldly and common activities must be infused with holiness and observed carefully. Included among the civil laws discussed in the portion are: Penalties for causing bodily injury to another person and damaging his property; laws regarding borrowers; the mitzvah to show sensitivity to the poor and to offer them free loans; and laws relating to the honest dispensation of justice. After mentioning the mitzvos of Shabbos and Shemittah (the Sabbatical year), the portion continues with a brief discussion of the three pilgrimage festivals -- Passover, Shavuot and Sukkos. The Torah then returns to the revelation at Mt. Sinai. The Jewish people declare their commitment to do whatever G-d commands with the famous phrase "Everything G-d has said, we will do and we will listen." The portion concludes with Moses' ascending the mountain, where he will remain for forty days and forty nights to receive the rest of the Torah.

Parshas Shekalim

The first of the Four Special Shabbatot at this time of year is Parshas Shekalim. The special maftir reading discusses the census that would happen at this time of year in Temple times. Each person would give one half-shekel. The money would be counted, and that would determine the census. And the Torah makes very clear that "the poor person shall not give less, and the rich person shall not give more."

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:

March 4 "Good Conversation: Is Anyone Really Listening?"

March 11 "Black Cats to Broken Mirrors: Do Jews Believe in Superstition?"

March 18 "Stiff-Necked People -- Are We a Pain in the Neck?"

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.

Community

Jewish Student Union Annual Gala to Honor Gloria Feldman, Marcy & Rick Cornfeld and Erica Morris. Come celebrate with JSU as it honors Gloria Feldman, Marcy & Rick Cornfeld and Erica Morris at the Clayton Plaza on March 19th @ 5:00 pm. To RSVP visit: jsustl.org/gala or call the JSU office at 314-696-0578. The 800+ teens in JSU's 15 clubs and the Movitz-Senator John Danforth Israel Scholars say THANK YOU for Inspiring their Jewish Future!

Yeshivat Kadimah High School is hosting its 4th Annual Gala on Motzei Shabbos, March 4 at Vue 17. Please join us for a Pre-Purim feast as we celebrate all of our achievements. To make reservations, visit yeshivatkadimah.org. For questions, email gala@yeshivatkadimah.org or call 314-942-3166

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

This Week's Schedule	Shabbos Feb 25	Sunday Feb 26	Monday Feb 27	Tuesday Feb 28	Wednesday Mar 1	Thursday Mar 2	Friday Mar 3	Shabbos Mar 4
Shacharis	9:00 am	8:00 am	6:45 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv	5:15 pm	5:30 pm	5:30 pm		Mincha 1:05 pm		5:30 pm	5:20 pm
Ma'ariv only		Rosh Chodesh	Rosh Chodesh	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.
- 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 (starts 45 mins before Mincha) 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.
- 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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Friday Night Shabbat Dinner *March 3*

A Shabbaton with *Epstein Hebrew Academy*

Join us for a ruach filled Shabbat Dinner on Friday Night
March 3 at NHBZ with Students and Rabbis from EHA.

Mincha/Ma'ariv at 5:30 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

RSVP by Tuesday, February 28

Adults \$15.00

Kids \$10.00

Under 5~ no charge

email Jeff@nhbz.org
or call 991-2100 ext 2



Jewish Customs & Practices *The Holiday Series*

“Purim Revealed--Why the Megillah, hamentashen, costumes, groggers, and drinking?”

*Introducing our “**Holiday Series**,” a new education program aimed at learning the ins and outs of Jewish holidays, how to truly observe them, and delving into their deeper meanings.*



Led by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

**Please join us for the first Session on
Sunday, February 26, 2017
in the Feigenbaum-Pepose
Multi-purpose room!**

10:00am – 11:30 pm

P.S. There is no charge, but we would like to know how many will attend to prepare.

Please RSVP to Jeff at 314-991-2100 or jeff@nhbz.org by the Wednesday before the gathering.

FROM RABBI SMASON – PURIM

With the festive holiday of Purim fast approaching, I'm writing to remind you of the time-sensitive **mitzvah of Matanos L'Evyonim -- tzedaka (charity) to the poor**. For many years, we at NHBZ have collected Matanos L'Evyonim in conjunction with the worthy organization **Od Yosef Chai**.

Our special arrangement with Od Yosef enables me to distribute locally half of all money collected. The remaining half supports our Jewish brethren in Jerusalem and elsewhere. All money pledged and collected for Matanos L'Evyonim is distributed on Purim. This year, Purim takes place on March 11-12.

Your donation of \$10, \$18, \$36, \$54, \$100 - or whatever amount you care to give-- will make a significant difference to those in need, and enable you to fulfill the precious Purim mitzvah of Matanos L'Evyonim. Checks can be made out to 'Rabbi's Charity Fund'. By Thursday, March 9.

This year I strongly encourage you to consider the purchase of products from Judea and Samaria to support the Jewish communities there. Whether for mishloach manos or otherwise, it's important to boost those communities and counter the efforts of those seeking to choke those communities. Here is a link of products and how to buy them online (scroll through the whole page) <http://zoadc.org/join-our-buycott-fight-bds/>

PURIM 2017/5777

Thursday, March 9 Fast of Esther

Fast begins- 5:10 am ~ Fast ends- 6:44 pm

Shabbos, Saturday night, March 11.

Mincha at 1:00 pm

Ma'ariv at 7:30 pm

Reading of (Megillah) Megillas Esther at 7:35 pm

Sunday, March 12

Shachris at 9:00 am

Reading of (Megillah) Megillas Esther at approximately 9:30 am.

Mincha at 6:00 pm

PURIM SEUDAH (Dinner) 6:15 pm

Join us for our Purim Seudah, costume ball, and talent contest!

Adults: \$15.00, Kids 6-10: \$10.00, Kids 5 & under: FREE

Reservations are a MUST, call by March 8 ~ Call 314-991-2100 ext 2

PURIM IS COMING

Purim commemorates the salvation of the Jewish people in Ancient Persia from Haman's plot to kill all Jews in a single day. Here are the mitzvahs and customs of Purim at NHBZ:

1. Give Charity to the Poor (Mitzvah of Matanot L'Evyonim)

Here are some ways to fulfill the mitzvah of giving charity to the poor on Purim.

Od Yosef Chai - NHBZ collects money to give to Od Yosef Chai, an organization that distributes money to the poor in Israel.

Make checks payable to Rabbi's Charity Fund and bring or send them to our office. To donate by credit card, please call 314-991-2100, ext. 2. The deadline for contributions is Thursday March 9th.

2. **PURIM CARDS** / Send Gifts to Friends (Mishloach Manot)

Fulfill the mitzvah of Mishloach Manos! Give actual gifts of food to at least two friends, then send our **PURIM CARDS** to everyone else!! All proceeds will benefit our NHBZ Chesed Fund. Cards may be purchased in our office at \$10.00 per pack of 5 cards with envelopes, or \$25 for three 5-packs.





PLEASE JOIN US For Purim on March 11th & 12th 2017



Shabbos & Saturday Night:

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Ma'ariv at 7:30 pm

**Reading of
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Megillas Esther at approx. 9:30 am.

Mincha at 6:00 pm



A PURIM BALL AND SEUDAH



6:15 pm

Featuring:

A Delicious & Festive Meal prepared especially for you by Chef Norma,
and her crew. Some old and new surprises and of course
the Festivities would not be complete without our famous costume contests!
So Dress Up as your favorite Purim character or ...others.

\$15 ADULT • \$8 CHILD • \$45 MAX/FAMILY

Kids 4-10 \$8.00 and Kids 3 & Under Free

**RSVP BY MARCH 7TH
991-2100 EXT: 2**



Purim time!!

Torah Mitzion and PJ Library invite you to participate in our holiday series program. bring your kids and join us for a session of story telling, activity and **PIZZA** for

PURIM.

The program and activity will spark your child's creativity, knowledge, and enjoyment of the holiday.

See you all on Thursday, March 2nd from 5:00-6:30 pm
ages: 3-10 (younger and older siblings are invited too)
the program will take place at Nusach Hari B'nai Zion
(650 North Price Road. St. Louis)

cost: **FREE!!**



FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT GINAT MIDLER AT 314-309-6060

Shaloch Manot with Meaning!

While the BDS and the recent United Nations resolution target Israel and try to punish its economy, we can help. You can include at least one Israeli made item in your shaloch manot packages.

Everytime you purchase an Israeli item and include it in your shaloch manot, you are creating a new BDS: **BUY ISRAELI - DELIVER - SHALACH MANOT**



We will print sheets with the above graphic so you can include this in your packages and everyone will know that you are supporting Israel.

Some examples of products available at Kohn's:

Israeli pickles, olives, & peppers in cans; Osem soup bases, croutons, & Mini Mandel; Bissli; Bamba; Man Wafers & Cookies; Elite Candy Bars & Coffee; Klik Coated Candies, along with several wines

St Louis Wine & Cheese and Total Wine sells several different Israel wines.

Amazon sells numerous products made in Israel, if you buy through Amazon, please log in to www.smile.amazon.com and enter Nusach Hari B'nai Zion as your charity. The total you pay will not change, but Amazon makes a donation to NHBZ

<http://www.buyisraeligoods.com/landing2013.asp> is a website that is currently under construction with a St Louis tab of Israel products available in St Louis, the website is a joint venture of Stand with Us and American-Israeli Council. The website is still being cleaned up, it lists products made in Israel, local vendors and websites to buy from.



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.

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

February 25: “Tick Tock: What is Time?”

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March 11: “Black Cats to Broken Mirrors: Do Jews Believe in Superstition?”

March 18: “Stiff-Necked People -- Are We a Pain in the Neck?”
(at 10 am in conjunction with *Synaplex*)



An open invitation to NHBZ's



Saturday

Shabbat Morning

March 18, 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 **10:00 am** in the Chapel

Topic: "Stiff-Necked People -- Are We a Pain in the Neck?"

(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.

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(Led by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason)

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(Led by Tommy Waller, founder of HAYOVEL (a non-profit organization that brings Christian volunteers to serve Jewish farmers in Israel))

☆ *"From Purim to Pesach: The Meaning of Redemption"*

(Led by Rabbi Yaakov Silverman, St. Louis Kollel)

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.



From Our Families to Yours...

Junior Congregation

A Program of the NHBZ Children & Young Families Committee

Calling ALL Kids (& Friends)!

Junior Congregation for ALL 7 – 11 year olds!

Join us as we gather EVERY month, TWICE a month to:

- Learn and recite the main Shabbat prayers and tunes
- Review the weekly Torah portion
- Discuss Israel and learn cool facts about the Holy Land
- Hang out with old friends and make new ones!

Led by Yonatan Hirschhorn and Yoni Strashun of Kadimah High School

Who: ALL NHBZ Kids & Friends ages 7 to 11!

(NHBZ membership NOT required...All levels of observance welcome!!!)

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Where: NHBZ Youth Lounge

March 11 & 18

*** Snacks will be served!

*** Fun will be had!

For questions, please email Richard Woolf at woolfNHBZ@yahoo.com or call Jeff in NHBZ's office: (314) 991-2100, ext. 2



From Our Families to Yours...

Tot Shabbat

A New Program of the NHBZ KidsZone

TOT SHABBAT!



Saturday, March 11, 2017

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m

Tot Shabbat will take place downstairs in the Kids' Play Room!

... And, mark your Calendars for these future Tot Shabbats:

March 18 April 8 (pre-Pesach,) and

April 22.

Kids (age 6 and under, siblings and friends welcome!) come enjoy a fun, engaging, activity-filled Shabbat program, including songs, stories, games, snacks, dancing, puppets, and much more! Parents or grandparents are invited and welcome to stay, per needs of the child to join in the fun!

NHBZ KidsZone welcomes **EVERYONE**, members and non-members, to our Tot Shabbat! No RSVP necessary, no cost!
Snacks provided!

*While we encourage all kids to attend Tot Shabbat,
Babysitting is available from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.*