



Shabbos Bulletin

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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November 30, 2019 ~ 2 Kislev 5780 Candle Lighting 4:22 pm Shabbat Ends 5:25 pm

Torah Portion: Genesis 25:19 -- 28:9 Chumash pages 124 - 143
Haftorah: Malachi 1:1 - 2:7 Chumash pages 1137-1138

Thank you to our Sponsors:

Thank you to **Ilana, Ronnie, Ateret, Yardenia, and Tekoa Reisler** for sponsoring the bulletin and the cake in celebration of the birthday of **Dr. David Reisler**.

Erev Shabbos, November 29

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

Shabbos, November 30

- **Shabbat Services** ~ 9:00 am
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
 - Shacharis: **Mateo John**
 - Leyning: **Aryeh Needle**
 - Haftorah: **TBD**
 - Drasha: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
 - Musaf: **Aryeh Needle**
- **Learners Service with Rabbi David** ~ 9:30 am
- **Junior Congregation / Babysitting** ~ 10:00 am
- **Starting Points** ~ Led by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason** ~10:15 am ~ Topic: "What Book Would You Most Give as a Gift -- and Why"
- **Mincha / Ma'ariv / Shalosh Seudos** ~ 4:05 pm

This Week and Beyond

Minyan Times	Shabbos Nov 30	Sun. Dec 1	Mon. Dec 2	Tues. Dec 3	Wed. Dec 4	Thurs. Dec 5	Fri. Dec 6	Shabbos Dec 7
Shachris	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	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	4:20 pm	4:05 pm

* Ma'ariv only

Happy Birthday to: Dr. David Reisler, Gail Rose, Menachem Szus, Maxwell Goldman, Harold Hoffman and Emily Wallman

Anniversaries- Leonid & Stella Vladimirov

Shabbat Greeter: Lenny & Fran Alper

- **Sunday, December 8 ~ 3:30 pm ~Join us as we complete the writing of our new Sefer Torah and dedicate it to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion ~ Torah Completion * Parade * Dedication Ceremony * Refreshments**
- **Tuesday, December 10 ~ 7:00 pm ~ NHBZ board meeting**
- **Sunday, December 15 ~ NHBZ Anniversary Dinner ~ RSVP now ~ Deadline Dec. 2.**
- **Sunday, December 29 ~ The NHBZ Chanukah Party is going to be fantastic! Amy and Denny Feit** are chairing the party and they have planned an event not to be missed. Please RSVP early. We are also looking for sponsors for the dinner at \$25 -\$100.

Parshas Toldos

Isaac and Rebecca pray to G-d for a child. Rebecca finally conceives, and after a difficult pregnancy gives birth to twins -- Esau and Jacob. Their personality differences soon grow apparent, as Esau turns to hunting while Jacob is pure and wholesome, spending his time studying Torah. Returning from a hunting expedition, Esau finds Jacob cooking a pot of lentil soup. Jacob agrees to give his older brother a portion from the pot of soup in exchange for the spiritual birthright. Faced with a severe famine, Isaac and family settle in Gerar (the land of the Philistines within Israel's borders) rather than descend to Egypt as his father Abraham had done years before. After experiencing astonishing financial success, Isaac comes into continual conflict with King Avimelech over the wells which Isaac dug anew. This pattern of 'success and persecution' has repeated itself throughout Jewish history. Isaac decides to bless Esau as the firstborn. At Rebecca's insistence, Jacob disguises himself as his older brother and receives the blessing of the firstborn (which rightfully belonged to him). The Torah portion concludes with Jacob fleeing from Esau's wrath for 'stealing' his blessing and escaping to Charan to stay with his uncle, Laban, where he is to find a wife.

Cash Cards LAST CHANCE

This is the time to order gift cards for Chanukah and research has indicated that gift cards are the most favorite gifts to receive! Orders are now being taken through Thursday, December 5th you will get your gift cards before the first night of Chanukah! Use the card for all your shopping needs. The order form is attached to this week's bulletin. You probably will be shopping at Amazon, Dierbergs, CVS, or Walgreens this month, so why not benefit NHBZ as you shop?

Adult Learning at NHBZ

Every Wednesday 12:15 pm ~ Study with Rabbi Smason- Study Pirkei Avos / Ethics of the Fathers.

Every Monday 7:00 pm ~ "To the Source" with Rabbi Smason. An ongoing weekly class covering contemporary Torah topics using classic and modern English and Hebrew texts. For Men and Women.

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:

November 30: "What Book Would You Most Give as a Gift -- and Why"

December 7: "Must One Believe in G-d to Be Moral?"

December 14: "How Do You Define Success?"

December 21: "What Do You Love About Being Jewish?"

Starting Points cont:

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Every Shabbos ~ Tanach (Bible) Study (3/4 hour before Mincha)

Every Sunday ~ Mishna Learning (after Shacharis) with Rabbi Chanan Swidler

Every Monday ~ 'Amud-of-the Week' with Rabbi Perlman (for men only)

First Tuesday of each Month ~ 2:30 pm ~ Women of the Torah ~ at the home of Jackie Berkin facilitated by Rabbi Yaakov Berkowitz of the St. Louis Kollel~ Open to all women

Bat Mitzvah Project

Yael, daughter of Alana and Mike Minoff, is beginning her Bat Mitzvah project and would like our NHBZ family to have an opportunity to be involved.

"For my Mitzvah project, I am collecting gently used purses, snacks and simple needs for women who do not have these common items. I will fill each purse with a variety of necessities such as hand sanitizer, tissues, toothbrush and toothpaste, mini hairbrush, shelf-stable snacks and more. My project will continue through my birthday on January 16th, when I will go to a shelter to deliver the purses. I picked this project because every time I see a homeless woman on the street, I think about how they may not have the materials to keep them healthy and safe. I knew that something needed to be done, even if this is just the beginning. I believe a little kindness can go a long way. Nobody should have to live their life not having the simple needs they need to take care of themselves. There will be a box at NHBZ or you can contact my parents to arrange a drop off or pick up. "

~ This Week's Torah Trivia ~

Last Week's Question: How long did Sarah Live?

Answer: 127 years

This Week's Question: How long did Yitzhak Live?

In the Community

Sunday, December 8, 2019 ~ 11:30am ~ HADASSAH ST. LOUIS presents Fashion Flash at the Mirowitz Center, Covenant Place II, 8 Millstone Campus Drive. RSVP Online by Dec. 2nd
www.fb.me/HadassahSt.Louis.

Sunday, December 8 ~ 1:00 pm ~ Shaving Israel presents the movie "Noodle" at The Holocaust Learning Center. Event is free but donations to Shaving Israel welcomed. All donations support IDF soldiers.



Sunday, December 8, 3:30 pm

*Join us as we complete the writing of our new Sefer Torah
and dedicate it to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion*

Torah Completion * Parade * Dedication Ceremony * Refreshments

The scribe who writes the Torah will leave a few letters incomplete so that he can finish them at the dedication ceremony

If you donate \$500 or more to the Torah Campaign by November 22, you and your family will be entitled to 'inscribe' one of these unfinished letters (along with the scribe) at the dedication ceremony

We have dedication opportunities available from a single letter (\$36) to a complete book of the Torah (\$5400) ~ Rabbi Smason will be happy to help you select a dedication

You can continue to donate to the Torah Campaign through Shavuot 2020 ~ Our goal is 100% participation of our members!





Help us make this year's Dinner & Journal the biggest and best ever. DEADLINE IS THIS MONDAY, DEC. 2!

114th Anniversary Banquet

Honoring



**HaKaras HaTov
Award**
Teree Farbstein



Guests of Honor
Robert & Joni Kaiser



**Israel Advocacy
Award**
Rick & Marcy Cornfeld

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Clayton Plaza Hotel

7750 Carondelet Ave
Clayton, MO 63105

Hors d'oeuvres at 5:30PM / Dinner & Program at 6:30PM

\$125.00 per person

RSVP by December 2, 2019

Anniversary Dinner Committee: Sandie Abrams, Fran & Lenny Alper, Marsha Feenberg, Rhonnie Goldfader, Dr. Eliot Katz, Bobby Levine, Jeff Miller, Robin Rickerman, Nancy Rush, Anna Rose Tendler

Don't miss out on NHBZ's biggest celebration of the year!

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THE SISTERHOOD SCOOP NOVEMBER



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Unique opportunity for all NHBZ Book Club members!

The **author herself will Skype** with us at our next book club meeting on **Mon, Dec. 16,**



7:15-8:45 PM at the home of Vivian Zarkowsky. The book is **"Jerusalem Maiden"** by **Talia Carner**, a saga, a history, and a dramatic and hopeful love story that also moves through the exciting art

world of early 20th century Paris and modern day Israel. For more info or to RSVP call **Terri Schnitzer** at 314-518-4107 or email terrischnitzer@yahoo.com

Looking ahead to 2020, the Book Club will discuss **"Inheritance"** by Dani Shapiro at the **Feb. 24** meeting. **All women welcome!**

TOLDOS: WHAT IS TRUE LOVE? ENDURING LOVE IS UNCONDITIONAL

There was a sharp dispute between Yitzchak and Rivka regarding their twin sons. Between the love that Yitzchak had for Eisav on the one hand, and the love that Rivka had for Yaakov on the other.

The Torah says, "And Yitzchak love Eisav for game was in his mouth, but Rivka loved Yaakov" (Genesis, 25:28). Yitzchak loved Eisav for a reason. That is because Eisav was loyal to his father, he respected his father, he bought food to his father. When it came to the love that Rivka had for Yaakov, no reason is given. It's the natural love that a parent has for a child. And then with regard to Yitzchak's love for Eisav, we are told Vaye'ehav Yitzchak, 'and Yitzchak loved Eisav' – it is in the past tense. With regard to Rivka the Torah says, VeRivka Ohevet, literally meaning, 'and Rivka loves Yaakov' – it is in the present tense. We can understand this, through a passage in the Ethics of the Fathers, Pirkei Avot (5:19). There the Mishnah tells us that when love takes place because of a reason – it depends on 'something'. If that 'something' disappears, then it is possible that the love might disappear as well – that the love might become 'past tense'. However, if there is love which is natural, then that love will endure forever. 'If there is love which is natural, then that love will endure forever.' From Rivka we learn, that true love in this world is affection with no ulterior motive. It is there in a very sincere way. That is the type that will endure forever. –from Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis www.aish.com

Time is running out ...
... **RSVP by THIS Monday, December 2** to
Join Sisterhood in honoring our own

**Sisterhood President
Teree Farbstein**



recipient of the
HaKaras HaTov Award
at NHBZ's

114th Anniversary Banquet
Sunday, December 15, 2019
Clayton Plaza Hotel

Don't miss out! RSVP by Dec. 2 Don't miss out! RSVP by Dec. 2

We are grateful to Rebbetzin Tziporah Heller for her insightful talk: "Seeing the Light in Today's Darkness"



Chani Smason introduces author, educator, and internationally acclaimed speaker Rebbetzin Tziporah Heller (right) at a special Lunch 'n' Learn for women hosted by Chani and the NHBZ Sisterhood on Tuesday, November 26.

HADASSAH ST. LOUIS presents
Fashion Flash – St. Louis Past & Future
Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 11:30am

Mirowitz Center, Covenant Place II, 8 Millstone Campus Drive
Featuring **Randi Chervitz**, Designer/Metal Smith and Fiber Artist
Join Hadassah for St. Louis fashion history and its revival today!

\$36 Couvert includes lunch catered by HJ's Café – Dietary laws observed

RSVP Online by Dec. 2nd www.fb.me/HadassahSt.Louis

Questions? Contact Jerri at 314.469.3553

Ladies, attend Hadassah's Fashion Flash at 11:30 and have plenty of time to celebrate the Torah Completion and Dedication Ceremony at NHBZ at 3:30pm



JOIN US FOR A FAMILY Chanukah Party!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 2019
4:30-7:30 PM

Fun Activities For both Children And Adults ...

Balloons by Mike

Arts and Crafts

Dreidel Games (with prizes)

Bingo for Kids and Adults (more prizes!)



A Festive Dinner



with Jelly Doughnuts and
Beverages, including "Adult Beverages"

\$14-Adults • \$8-Kids 10 and under • 3 and under no charge, \$48-Family cap.

Please Consider Being A Sponsor for \$25-\$100

RSVP By December 20th to Jeff@nhbz.org or 314- 991-2100





Starting Points:

Wisdom for Daily Living

Join Rabbi Smason for these sessions designed for those who are interested in growing Jewishly, regardless of education or level of observance. Each session explores Jewish concepts in practical, understandable terms.

Sessions are held every Shabbat at 10:15 in the NHBZ chapel on the lower level, unless otherwise noted.



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TO THE SOURCE

Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

A LEARNING PROGRAM
ENGLISH AND HEBREW TEXT
FOR MEN AND WOMEN
TOPICS INCLUDE:

Mitzvah of Writing a Sefer Torah Mitzvah of Tzedaka
 Laws of Conversion Mitzvah of Honoring our Parents

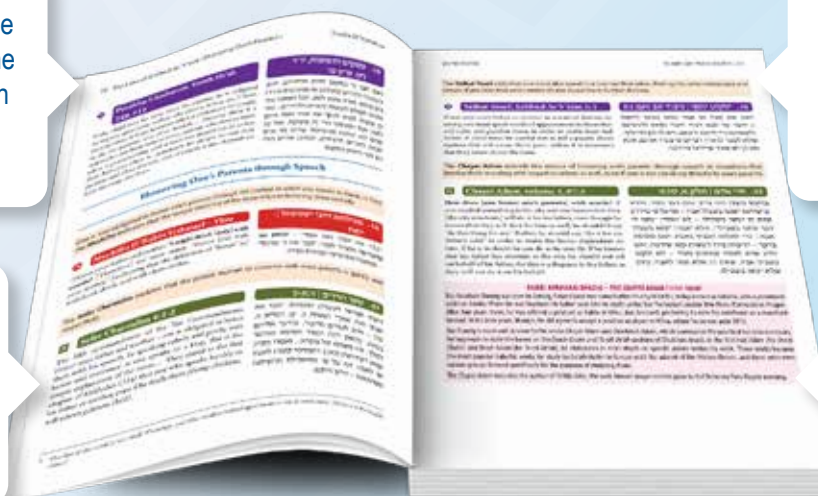


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Cover major topics of Torah learning once a week



Color-coded sections, icons and elucidation to guide the learner, in addition to in-depth essays and responsa to complement the learning

RSVP to jeff@nhbz.org / 991-2100
Mondays at 7:00 pm (no class 11/11)

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NHBZ Cash Card Order Form

Chanukah Orders



What is scrip, and how does it work?

* Purchase gift cards from NHBZ at face-value and NHBZ receives a percentage of your purchase from each card as listed below.

* *Orders will be placed on December 6, 2019*

* Just fill out a form and mail or drop off at the office with your payment. (Questions? Call Laura at 991-2100 x3)

Retailer	Denomination (in Dollars)	%	Qty	Total Amount	Retailer	Denomination (in Dollars)	%	Qty	Total Amount
Amazon.com	\$ 25.00	2.25%			JC Penney	\$ 25.00	5.0%		
	\$ 100.00	2.25%				\$ 100.00	5.0%		
AMC Theatres	\$ 25.00	8.0%			Kohl's	\$ 25.00	4.0%		
Barnes & Noble	\$ 10.00	8.0%				\$ 100.00	4.0%		
	\$ 25.00	8.0%			Krispy Kreme	\$ 10.00	8.0%		
Bath & Body Works	\$ 10.00	12.0%				\$ 25.00	4.0%		
	\$ 25.00	12.0%			Lowe's	\$ 100.00	4.0%		
Bed, Bath & Beyond	\$ 25.00	7.0%				\$ 25.00	10.0%		
	\$ 100.00	7.0%			Macy's	\$ 100.00	10.0%		
Best Buy	\$ 25.00	4.0%				\$ 25.00	5.0%		
	\$ 100.00	4.0%			Office Max/ Office Depot	\$ 100.00	5.0%		
Build A Bear	\$ 25.00	8.0%			PetSmart	\$ 25.00	5.0%		
Cold Stone Creamery	\$ 10.00	11.0%			Pier 1	\$ 25.00	9.0%		
Container Store	\$ 25.00	9.0%			REI	\$ 25.00	8.0%		
	\$ 100.00	9.0%			Starbucks	\$ 10.00	7.0%		
Crate & Barrel	\$ 25.00	8.0%				\$ 25.00	7.0%		
CVS	\$ 25.00	6.0%			Target	\$ 25.00	2.5%		
	\$ 100.00	6.0%				\$ 50.00	2.5%		
Dierberg's	\$ 25.00	2.5%			Talbots	\$ 25.00	13.0%		
	\$ 100.00	2.5%			T.J. Maxx/Marshall's/ Home Goods	\$ 25.00	7.0%		
Dillards	\$ 25.00	9.0%			Ulta Beauty	\$ 100.00	7.0%		
	\$ 100.00	9.0%				\$ 25.00	4.0%		
Famous Footwear	\$ 25.00	8.0%			Walgreens	\$ 25.00	5.0%		
Gap/Old Navy/ Banana Republic	\$ 25.00	14.0%				\$ 100.00	5.0%		
	\$ 100.00	14.0%			Walmart/ Sam's Club	\$ 25.00	2.5%		
Home Depot	\$ 25.00	4.0%				\$ 100.00	2.5%		
	\$ 100.00	4.0%							
iTunes	\$ 15.00	5.0%							
	\$ 25.00	5.0%							

TOTAL THIS ORDER: \$

Payment may be made by Cash or Check payable to NHBZ, and must accompany your order

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And please remember to use your Schnuck's Card for NHBZ credit!!!