

Shabbos Bulletin

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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November 9, 2019 ~ 11 Cheshvan 5780

Candle Lighting 4:36 pm Shabbat Ends 5:45 pm

Torah Portion: Lech Lecha: Genesis 12:1 -- 17:27 Haftorah: Isaiah 40:27 - 41:16 Chumash pages 54-77 Chumash pages 1133

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Erev Shabbos, November 8

• Mincha & Ma'ariv ~ 4:35 pm

Shabbos, November 9

● Shabbat Services ~ 9:00 am

- Pesukei D'Zimra: Howard Sandler

- Shacharis: **Menachem Szus**

- Leyning: Rabbi Perlman

- Haftorah: Kenny Bressler- Drasha: Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

- Musaf: Rabbi Perlman

- 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 Is One Thing You Can Remove From Your Life That Would Improve It?"
- Mincha / Ma'ariv /Shalosh Seudos ~ 4:20 pm

This Week and Beyond

Minyan Times	Shabbos Nov 9	Sun. Nov 10	Mon. Nov 11	Tues. Nov 12	Wed. Nov 13	Thurs. Nov 14	Fri. Nov 15	Shabbos Nov 16
Shachris	9:00 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	8:30 am*
Mincha/Ma'ariv*	4:20 pm	4:30 pm	4:30 pm	6:45 pm*	6:45 pm*	6:45 pm*	4:30 pm	4:15 pm

^{*} Ma'ariv only SYNAPLEX

Happy Birthday to: Sandy Klarfeld, Tobie Dobin and Sam Lyss

Anniversaries- David & Gail Porter Shabbat Greeter: Gary & Trudy Sudin

- Monday, November 11 ~ 7:00 pm ~ Home Discussion Group topic: 'Medical Methods and Halacha' hosted by Jackie & Dr. Craig Berkin. Medical ethics, an interactive discussion about very current and controversial topics. Presented by Dr. Gil Gross, Professor OB/GYN and Women's Health, Director of Maternal Fetal Medicine at SLU School of Medicine and Director of Obstetrics at St. Mary's Health Center. Dr Gross will present medical ethics topics and Rabbi Eisenberg of The St Louis Kollel will present the Jewish law regarding these topics. RSVP to the office for address.
- Tuesday, November 12 ~ NHBZ Board Meeting ~ 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, November 13 ~ 2:00 pm ~ Senior Kollel and Kollel Eishes Chayil Women's Division in Cooperation with Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Sisterhood presents "Balance for Balabustes."
- Shabbat, November 16 ~ Synaplex with speakers Greg Yawitz and Rabbi Daniel Freund.
 Kiddush Luncheon to follow.
- Sunday, November 17 ~ 10:00 am NHBZ Annual Meeting, Election of Officers and Refreshments will be served!
 All members are invited to attend and hear and voice your questions about the future of NHBZ Every November, we hold a Membership meeting to give members a 'State of the Shul' report.
- 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
- Sunday, December 15 ~ NHBZ Anniversary Dinner ~ RSVP now to get in on the 'early-bird' raffle.
- Sunday, December 29 ~ NHBZ Chanukah Party!

Thank you to our Shabbat dinner sponsors for helping make the dinner a huge success: Jesse & Debbie Barash, Jerry & Fran Cohen, Amy & Denny Feit, Alan & Janet Haber, Bob & Joni Kaiser, Dr. Ram and Sallie Volotzky, Ed & Helayne Levitt, Dr. Faye & Brian McCary, Dr. Steve & Myra Radinsky, Leonid & Stella Vladimirov, Gary & Trudy Sudin and Richard & Mindy Woolf.

Parshas Lech Lecha

Abraham was called by G-d to leave his homeland, his father's house, and his position of status and prosperity to travel to the land that G-d would show him. Upon arrival with his wife Sarah and nephew Lot in the land of Israel, they discover it to be ravaged by a horrible famine. Traveling to descend to Egypt for a temporary stay, the immoral Egyptians immediately capture Sarah and take her to the Egyptian king. G-d responds by afflicting the king and his household with a debilitating plague until he releases her. Guess what the plague was?

Back in the land of Israel, Lot parts ways with Abraham, with Lot relocating to the fertile plains of Sodom. Abraham subsequently rescues the kidnapped Lot by miraculously defeating four kings and their armies. Through a Covenant, G-d promises Abraham that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars in the sky. Because she had no children, Sarah gives her maidservant Hagar to Abraham as a wife, and their son Yishmael is born. At the age of 99 Abraham circumcises himself, his son Yishmael, and the other male members of his household.

Cash Cards

This is the time to order gift cards for Hanukkah and research has indicated that gift cards are the most favorite gifts to receive! Orders are now being taken through December 6th, 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?

NHBZ Outreach for Thanksgiving

Once again our Community Outreach Committee will be cooking a kosher Thanksgiving dinner and delivering it to the Olivette Police and Fire Department on Thanksgiving Day. We love the security and protection that we get from our Olivette Police and Firefighters and are grateful for their service!

We are looking for a few volunteers for a couple of hours on Monday or Tuesday, November 25th or 26th to help cook the meal or be a mashgiach. Please contact Stella Vladimirov or the office!

We show our appreciation by serving a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for the police officers and firefighters who will be spending Thanksgiving working rather than at home with their families. Once again we could use your assistance in the form of a donation of \$18 or more to purchase the kosher turkey and other trimmings to prepare the meal.

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. NOTE: NO CLASS Nov.11 due to Home Study Group

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 9: "What Is One Thing You Can Remove From Your Life That Would Improve It?"

November 16: "How Do You Measure a Life Well Lived?" at 10am due to Synaplex

November 23: "How Can Failure (Real or Apparent) Set You Up For Later Success?"

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

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

~ This Week's Torah Trivia ~

Last Week's Question: How long did the rain fall that led to the flood? How long were they in the ark?

Answer: 40 days and nights the rain fell. Length of stay in the ark is a topic of contention, about 150.

This Week's Question: Is Avram told where he is going to go to?

In the Community

Sunday, November 17~ Jewish Community Center, Staenberg Campus ~ 7:00 pm ~ **St. Louis Friend of Israe**l presents the acclaimed Israeli documentary film "Black Forest" and a Q&A with terrorist attack survivor Kay Wilson.





Shabbos, November 16, 2019

- 8:30 am **Traditional Services** in the sanctuary
- 9:15 am **Prayer Learners Service** led by Rabbi Yosef David of Aish HaTorah St. Louis in the chapel
- 10:00 am **Starting Points** –led by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason topic: "How Do You Measure a Life Well Lived?"
- 10:00 am **Children's Programming** lower level

 Tot Shabbat for ages 1-6, babysitting for younger children,

 Junior Congregation for ages 7 and up

11:15 am Synaplex Breakout Sessions:

Greg Yawitz "Community Building: How to Grow With the Power of Our People" Mr Yawitz is the Incoming president of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis and a Real Estate developer

Rabbi Daniel Freund: "The Anatomy of Halacha and Philosophies of Talmud Analysis" Principal, Kadimah High School

12:30 pm

Kiddush / Lunch for All - in the Social Hall

Nov. 11, 2019, 7:00 pm

hosted by Jackie & Craig Berkin

Medical Methods and Halacha

Medical ethics, an interactive discussion about very current and controversial topics.

Presented by Dr. Gil Gross, Professor OB/GYN and Women's Health, Director of Maternal Fetal Medicine at SLU School of Medicine and Director of Obstetrics at St. Mary's Health Center.

Dr. Gross will present medical ethics topics and Rabbi Eisenberg of The St Louis Kollel will present the Jewish law regarding these topic.

To RSVP, or to host a Discussion Group, contact **Jeff** at **314-991-2100** or jeff@nhbz.org. We will provide host address & phone # at time of RSVP

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LECH LECHA: The Long Walk to Freedom

"Judaism is supremely a religion of freedom – not freedom in the modern sense, the ability to do what we like, but in the ethical sense of the ability to do what we should, to become co-architects with G-d of a just and gracious social order. The former leads to a culture of rights, the latter to a culture of responsibilities. Judaism is faith as responsibility.

...The call of G-d to Abraham – "Leave your land, your birthplace and your father's house" – was a summons to chart new and different path, the most fateful and at the same time the most hopeful in the history of mankind. The best description of it is the title of Nelson Mandela's autobiography: The Long Walk to Freedom."

-Excerpted from Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

The Next Sisterhood Board Meeting: THIS Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 5:30 pm In the lower level classroom

BOOK CLUB NEWS

The next book club meeting is **Monday**.

December 16, 7:15-8:45 PM, at the home of Vivian Zarkowsky, and the book will be "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.

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

For info: call *Terri Schnitzer* at 314-518-4107 or email terrischnitzer@yahoo.com



SISTERHOOD ELECTIONS ARE COMING....



Any woman who would like information about becoming more involved in NHBZ's Sisterhood is invited to call Fran Alper: 314-993-4024 or email: fran.alper@outlook.com.

We want YOU! We want YOU!

Announcing the **2020** Sisterhood Slate of Nominated Officers & Board of Directors:

President	Teree Farbstein
Vice President	Faith Waxman
Vice President	Open
Treasurer	Fran Reisler
Recording Secretary	
Communications Secretary	Fran Alper
Programming Chair	

Nominations to the Board of Directors:

Devy Goldenberg M Terri Schnitzer F Linda Shore L Trudy Sudin G

Margo Tzadok Peggy Umansky Lisa Weiss Open

Chaplain Chani Smason President Emeritus Rachael Pevnick

**Any woman may nominate herself or another woman to ANY of the above positions until the time of the Sisterhood election which will take place Sunday, November 17, at approximately 11:00 AM (immediately following the shul election meeting).

Lech Lecha: Asserting our Inheritance

[G-d said to Abraham,] "I have given this land to your descendants." - Genesis 15:18

When G-d promised the Land of Israel to Abraham's descendants, the land in its entirety became – and remains to this day – the inheritance of every Jew, not subject to negotiation or trade. It is solely G-d's promise to Abraham that constitutes our connection to our land. When we articulate this confidently and unapologetically, the community of nations will acknowledge its truth. In contrast, basing our claims to the Promised Land on treaties, military victories, or diplomatic machinations will undermine other nations' respect for our inheritance. By asserting our inviolable connection to the Land of Israel, we hasten the Messianic Redemption, when G-d will grant us its full possession peacefully. –from Lubavitcher Rebbe; Adapted by Moshe Wisnefsky (chabad.org)

Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers Sunday, Nov. 17, 10:00 am



Did you ever wonder how the officers of NHBZ are elected? Do you want to have a say in the future direction of NHBZ? Do you want to express your opinions to the Board of Directors?

You are invited to attend the Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers on Sunday, November 17, at 10:00 am. Refreshments will be served.

Each November, we hold a Membership meeting to give a 'state of the shul' report and elect officers and members of the Board of Directors. This is an opportunity for you to interact directly with the Rabbi, President and other officers and Board members about the business of the shul. If you would like to give your opinion, makes suggestions or just listen, this is your chance.

Here is how the election works. We have a nominating committee that consists of all past presidents. That committee deliberates throughout the year, and comes up with a proposed slate of officers that is presented to the Board in October. At the November Membership meeting, the slate is officially nominated, and other nominations are accepted from the floor. You can even nominate yourself. Those members who attend the meeting have the privilege of voting. The Officers and new Board members take office on January 1.

We have eight officers and fifteen Board members. Officers serve for one year, and can be re-elected. Board members serve for three years, with one third of the Board up for election each year. Sometimes we have a vacancy, and must nominate somebody to fill the rest of a term. Here is the slate of nominees for this year's election (indicated in red or asterisk), along with continuing Board members.

NHBZ Officers - Term ends 12/31/2020

President *Menachem Szus **Vice President** *Kenny Bressler **Vice President** *Naomi Shanker

Vice President *(open) **Vice President** *(open) Treasurer *Denny Feit

*Jennifer Hartranft Secretary

Gabbai *Alan Zarkowsky





NHBZ Board of Directors

Term ends 12/31/2022

- *Rodney John
- *Howard Loiterstein
- *Margo Tzadok
- *Richard Woolf

*(open)

Term ends 12/31/2021

*Rhonnie Goldfader Stuart Klamen

Bobby Levine Ed Levitt

Phyllis Silverman

Term ends 12/31/2020

Marcie Brook Larry Chervitz Faye Cohen Jason Loiterstein Stella Vladimirov



TO THE SOURCE

Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

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Laws of Conversion Mitzvah of Honoring our Parents











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



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 Shavuos 2020 ~ Our goal is 100% participation of our members!





RSVP & send in your Ad by Nov. 15 to be entered in the EarlyBird Raffle to win prizes

114th Anniversary Banquet





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 Nov. 15 to be entered in the EarlyBird Raffle to win prizes

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!

Phone: 314-991-2100, ext.2 Fax: 314-991-4809 Email: reservations@nhbz.org



Join us for a

CHANUKAH PARTY!

For the Whole Family

Sunday, December 29

4:45~7:30 PM



- Fun Activities For both Children And Adults~~~
 - o Balloons by Mike
 - o Arts and Crafts
 - o Dreidel games (with prizes)
 - o Bingo for kids and adults (more prizes!)
 - o Dreidel Volleyball (!?!)
 - o Music
- A Festive Dinner ~~~chicken, latkes, salad, sides, jelly doughnuts and other desserts. (\$14 for adults, FREE for kids~RSVP's are required for Dinner)
- Beverages, including "Adult beverages"

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

Questions Or Interested In Helping Out?
Contact Amy Or Denny Feit
Amy---Amyph8@Yahoo.Com---314-374-3844
Denny--- Ovrflo@Aol.Com---314-368-4340



Torah Campaign Giving Levels

There are many ways to participate in the writing of the **NHBZ TORAH**. You can make dedications in honor of family members or friends, in memory of loved ones, to commemorate a special occasion, your birthday, an anniversary, Bnai Mitzvah, or life cycle event. Consider including your children and grandchildren in the writing of our Sefer Torah so that they, too, can fulfill the Mitzvah. When the Torah is nearly complete, we will have a completion and dedication ceremony at NHBZ on Sunday, December 8.

Please reserve the following dedications by circling your choice(s) and filling in your selections on the Order Form (prices are for each individual item, but you may select more than one of an item):

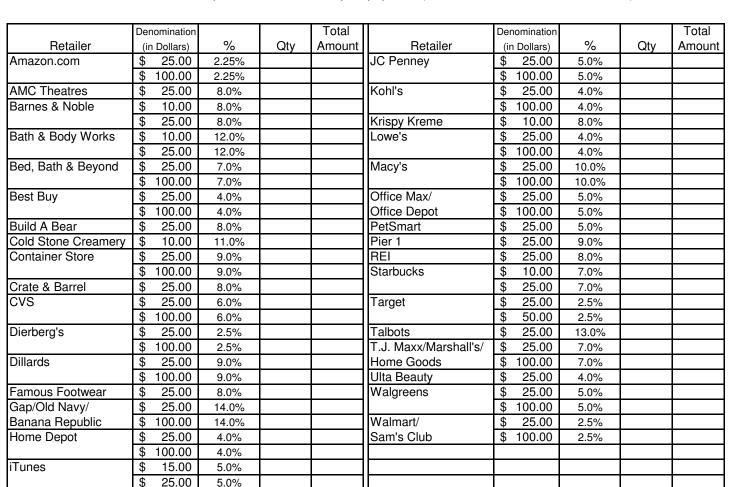
1.	. One complete book of the Five Books of the Torah		
2.	Beginning or ending verses of the Torah	\$5000	
3.	Special Torah Selections	\$2500	
	Suggestions:		
	Blessings for our Children Shema Yisrael The Ten Commandments Az Yashir - Song at Splitting of the Sea Birchat Kohanim - Priestly Blessings	Vayehi Binsoa - Prayer at the Ark Opening Chazak - Final verse of one of the first 4 books Hashem Hashem - G-D's 13 Attributes of Mercy Your favorite or significant selection	
4.	Weekly Torah Portions(s) – Sedra(s)	\$1800	
5.	Yom Tov / Special Holiday Torah Portion(s)\$1000	
6.	Torah Sections - Aliya/ot or Maftir	\$540	
	Suggestion: Select one of the seven aliyot of from a Bnai Mitzvot or wedding	of a weekly Torah portion or the Maftir	
7.	Torah Verses – Pasuk(im)	\$180	
	Suggestion: Select a verse that has a speci	al meaning to you	
8.	Letter(s) in the Torah Suggestion: Select letters of a family name	\$36	

The scribe always leaves a few letters of a new Torah incomplete so that he can finish them at a dedication ceremony. If you dedicate \$500 or more, you and your family will be entitled to 'inscribe' one of these unfinished letters (along with the scribe) at our dedication ceremony.

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)



TOTAL THIS ORDER: \$	
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And please remember to use your Schnuck's Card for NHBZ credit!!!