

## **Shabbos Bulletin**

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

Affiliated with Union of Orthodox Congregations of America

November 16, 2019 ~ 18 Cheshvan 5780

Candle Lighting 4:30 pm Shabbat Ends 5:32 pm

Torah Portion: Vayera Genesis 18:1 -- 21:24 Chumash pages 78-105
Haftorah: 2 Kings 4:1-37 Chumash pages 1134-1135

#### Thank you to our Sponsors:

Thank you to **Jerry & Devy Goldenberg** for sponsoring Synaplex in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

#### **SYNAPLEX**

#### **Erev Shabbos, November 15**

Mincha & Ma'ariv ~ 4:30 pm

#### **Shabbos, November 16**

Shabbat Services ~ 8:30 am

- Pesukei D'Zimra: Howard Sandler

- Shacharis: **Menachem Szus** 

- Leyning: **Kenny Bressler** 

- Haftorah: Reuven Tzadok

- Drasha: No Drasha

- Musaf: Alan Haber

- Learners Service with Rabbi David ~ 9:15 am
- Junior Congregation and Babysitting ~ 10:00 am − 12:30 pm
- Starting Points ~ Led by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason ~10:00 am ~ Topic: "How Do You Measure a Life Well Lived?"

#### **Synaplex Break-Out Sessions** ~ 11:15 am ~ Speakers and Topics:

- ➤ **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

#### **Kiddush Luncheon to follow**

Mincha / Ma'ariv /Shalosh Seudos ~ 4:15 pm

#### **This Week and Beyond**

Minyan Times	Shabbos Nov 16	Sun. Nov 17	Mon. Nov 18	Tues. Nov 19	Wed. Nov 20	Thurs. Nov 21	Fri. Nov 22	Shabbos Nov 23
Shachris	8:30 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*	4:15 pm	4:25 pm	4:25 pm	6:45 pm*	6:45 pm*	6:45 pm*	4:25 pm	4:10 pm

<sup>\*</sup> Ma'ariv only

Happy Birthday to: Marilyn Liss, Kenny Bressler, Michael Minoff, Evan Garmaise, Dr. Alan Brook and Dr. Erol Amon

**Anniversaries- Jerry & Devy Goldenberg** 

**Shabbat Greeter: Margo Tzadok and Menachem Szus** 

- 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!
- Sunday, December 29 ~ The NHBZ Chanukah Party is going to be fantastic!

#### Parshas Vayera

The parsha begins with Abraham's incredible display of chesed (kindness) to three angels who appear as men. This, despite extreme discomfort from his recent bris milah (circumcision). The angels declare that Sarah will give birth to her first child at the age of 90 when Abraham would be 100. Later, Abraham pleads to G-d on behalf of the cities of Sodom and Gemorrah. However, the cities are soon destroyed, but not before the angels save Abraham's nephew Lot and his family from destruction. Later the parsha describes how Sarah is abducted by Avimelech, the king of Gerar, who did not realize she was married. G-d responds by striking him with a plague which prevents him from touching her. Sarah conceives and gives birth to Isaac, and Abraham makes a huge celebration. Sarah sees Ishmael (Abraham's son from Hagar) as a menace to her own son's spiritual well-being, and asks Abraham to expel Ishmael and Hagar. The Torah portion concludes with the akeidah, Abraham's tenth and final test, in which he shows his willingness to comply with G-d's command to bring his beloved son Isaac as an offering.

#### **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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 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**: Is Avram told where he is going to go to?

Answer: Nope: "leave Haran and go to "the place that I will show you"

This Week's Question: How many visitors does Avraham receive at the beginning of this parsha?

Why?

#### **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

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**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



**Israel is again under attack**. More than 450 rockets from Gaza have been launched by terrorists, threatening innocent Israeli citizens. Additionally, the European Union's top court ruled that Israeli products made in Judea, Samaria, the Golan Heights, and parts of Jerusalem are required to have a distinct label of origin, not the generic label of 'Made in Israel.'

The goals of the terrorist attacks are loss of Israeli lives, destruction of property, and disruption. The EU decision is an expression of a double standard that discriminates against Jews who have been living and working in their homeland of thousands of years.

What can we do?

- 1) As we always, we can continue to pray for the State of Israel and the Israel Defense Forces.
- 2) We can collect money as we have in the past to purchase pizza or donuts for the soldiers on the border. If you would like to participate, please send checks indicating they are for this cause to the NHBZ office.
- 3) We can also support the Israeli businesses that BDS and the EU labels are attempting to harm. Here are a few links to businesses that operate in those targeted areas of Israel:

If you would like to support businesses in the targeted areas here are a few links:

https://www.kosherwine.com/catalogsearch/result/?q=judea

https://www.kosherwine.com/catalogsearch/result/?q=golan+heights

https://blessedbuyisrael.com/

https://www.levhaolam.com/

Thank you and Am Yisrael Chai!

Mike Minoff NHBZ Israel Committee Chair

# **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



All women of Nusach Hari B'nai Zion and Members of the Sisterhood are invited to attend the Annual NHBZ Shul Membership Meeting & Election of Officers and Board of Directors

# Sunday, November 17, at 10:00AM

The Sisterhood Election will take place immediately following the adjournment of the Annual Shul Membership Meeting (at approximately 11:00AM)

#### 2020 Sisterhood Slate of Nominated Officers & Board of Directors:

President	Teree Farbstein
Vice President	Faith Waxman
Vice President	Terri Schnitzer
Treasurer	Fran Reisler
Recording Secretary	Joanna Alper
Communications Secretary	Fran Aİper

#### **Nominations to the Board of Directors:**

Amy Feit, Programming Chr.
Devy Goldenberg
Linda Shore
Trudy Sudin

Margo Tzadok
Peggy Umansky
Lisa Weiss
Open

Chaplain ...... Chani Smasor President Emeritus ...... Rachael Pevnick

Any woman may nominate herself or another woman to ANY position until the time the Sisterhood election takes place – Sunday, Nov. 17 at approx. 11:00AM. All Sisterhood members who attend the meeting have the privilege of voting. Any woman not currently a Sisterhood member may join at the meeting, with an extended membership continuing through December 2020! Annual Sisterhood Membership Dues – \$25

To nominate someone call Fran Alper at 314-993-4024. For more info, email: <a href="mailto:sisterhood@nhbz.org">sisterhood@nhbz.org</a>

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#### PARSHAS VAYEIRA: Feminine Power

G-d said to Abraham, ". . . Whatever Sarah tells you, heed her voice." -Genesis 21:12

The more attuned a prophet is to the affairs of this world, the greater his or her degree of prophecy. Since Abraham was somewhat detached from worldly matters, he could not perceive Ishmael's true negativity. Sarah, in contrast, was more involved in worldly matters, so she readily was able to perceive Ishmael's evil. Her prophetic vision was therefore superior to Abraham's.

Furthermore, we are taught that in the Messianic Era, the feminine aspect of creation will rise above the masculine. Abraham's and Sarah's spiritual refinement was so lofty that it enabled them to experience a foretaste of the Messianic Era. For this reason, too, Sarah's prophetic vision was superior to Abraham's.

Nowadays, as we approach the Messianic Era, all of us can welcome the flowering of feminine power in the world, acknowledging that women's more intense experience of physical life grants them a higher level of spiritual insight than that given to men.

-from Lubavitcher Rebbe; Adapted by Moshe Wisnefsky

#### SISTERHOOD ELECTIONS ARE TOMORROW...



**HADASSAH** 

Any woman who would like more information about becoming involved in NHBZ's Sisterhood please contact Teree Farbstein or Fran Alper.

We want **YOU!** We want **YOU!** ... to attend the Election meeting tomorrow, Nov. 17, 11:00 AM

**HADASSAH ST. LOUIS presents** 



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 Hadassh 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

#### **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

# 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 December 2



# Help us make this year's dinner the biggest and best ever. SEND IN YOUR AD & RSVP NOW!

# 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!

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



# Traditional Thanksgiving Meal for Olivette Police and Firefighters!

#### Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

will bring a Traditional Thanksgiving Meal to Olivette Police Officers & Firefighters who will be on duty on Thanksgiving Day.

We will be preparing a delicious Turkey Dinner in our kitchen and plan to deliver it at approximately 3:00 pm on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2019. 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 if interested!

We hope this small act will show how much we value their service and dedication.





## 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!





# Chanukkah Party!

# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 2019 4:45-7:30 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!)
Dreidel Volleyball (!!?)

A Sestive Dinner

Chicken, Latkes, Salad, Sides, Jelly Doughnuts and Other Desserts. 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)





# TO THE SOURCE

# Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

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Laws of Conversion Mitzvah of Honoring our Parents











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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)



# 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):

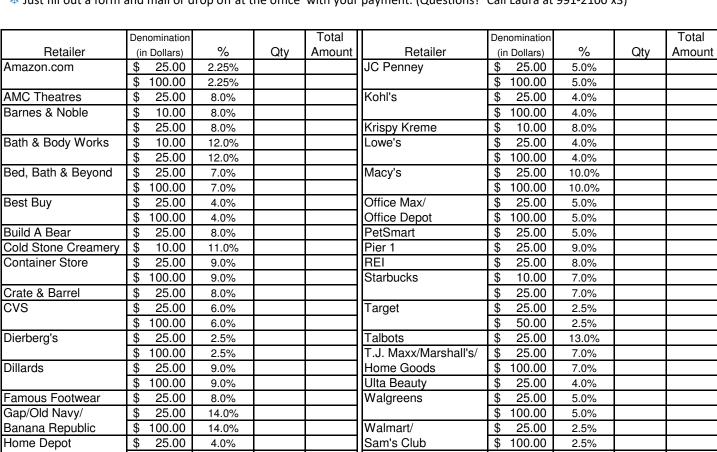
1.	One complete book of the Five Books of the Torah						
2.	Beginning or ending verses of the Torah	\$5000					
3.	Special Torah Selections	\$2500					
	Suggestions:						
	Blessings for our Children Shema Yisrael The Ten Commandments Az Yashir - Song at Splitting of the Sea Birchat Kohanim - Priestly 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 a weekly Torah portion or the Maftir from a Bnai Mitzvot or wedding						
7.	Torah Verses – Pasuk(im)	\$180					
	Suggestion: Select a verse that has a special 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)



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iTunes	\$ 15.00	5.0%						
	\$ 100.00	4.0%						
Home Depot	\$ 25.00	4.0%		Sam's Club	\$ 100.00	2.5%		

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