



Shabbos Bulletin

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

Affiliated with Union of Orthodox Congregations of America

December 7, 2019 ~ 9 Kislev 5780 Candle Lighting 4:21 pm Shabbat Ends 5:24 pm

Torah Portion: Vayeitzei: Genesis 28:10 -- 32:3
Haftorah: Hosea 11:7 - 12:14

Chumash pages 144-169
Chumash pages 1139-1140

Thank you to our Sponsors:

Thank you to **Linda & Micky Szus** for sponsoring the cookie cake in celebration of the birthday of **Menachem Szus**.

In honor of **Bryson Hartranft's** birthday, our Kiddush has been enhanced, with love from **Jennifer, Gaelyn and Madeline Hartranft**.

Erev Shabbos, December 6

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

Shabbos, December 7

- **Shabbat Services ~ 9:00 am**

- Pesukei D'Zimra: Howard Sandler	- Haftorah: Kenny Bressler
- Shacharis: Menachem Szus	- Drasha: Rabbi Ze'ev Smason
- Leyning: Moshe Leib Cohen	- Musaf: Alan Haber

- **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: "Must One Believe in G-d to Be Moral?"**
- **Mincha / Ma'ariv /Shalosh Seudos ~ 4:05 pm**

This Week and Beyond

Minyan Times	Shabbos Dec 7	Sun. Dec 8	Mon. Dec 9	Tues. Dec 10	Wed. Dec 11	Thurs. Dec 12	Fri. Dec 13	Shabbos Dec 14
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	3:00 pm+	4:20 pm	6:45 pm*	6:45 pm*	6:45 pm*	4:20 pm	4:05 pm

* Ma'ariv only

+prior to Torah dedication

Happy Birthday to: Mark Wallman, Mayer Taller, Alex Yasinev, Dr. Eldad Bialecki, Brian Klarfeld, Dr. Faye McCary, David Porter, Orly Shanker, Chiyva Smason, Sheera Tzadok and Robert Friedman

Anniversaries- Milton & Tammy Sallis, Scott & Leslie Gitel and Rabbi Aaron & Pearl Borow

Shabbat Greeter: Dr. Craig Berkin and Kenny Bressler

- **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 ~ 114th NHBZ Anniversary Dinner at Clayton Plaza Hotel**
- **Sunday, December 22 ~ First night of Chanukah**
- **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 Vayeitzei

Jacob escapes from his wicked brother Esau and travels to Charan, where he will stay with his uncle Laban. While spending the night at the future site of the Temple, G-d appears to Jacob in a dream. Rich in symbolism and meaning, the dream depicts a ladder extending from heaven to earth upon which angels are ascending and descending. After arriving in Charan, Jacob meets Laban's daughter Rachel and agrees to work for Laban for seven years for her hand in marriage. When the wedding night finally arrives, Laban deceives Jacob by substituting his older daughter Leah in Rachel's place. After waiting a week, Jacob also marries Rachel, but not without being forced to commit to another seven years of labor. Over the next few years Rachel remains barren, while Leah gives birth to six sons and a daughter. Bilhah and Zilpah (the maidservants of Rachel and Leah respectively) each have two sons with Jacob. Finally Rachel also has a son, Joseph. Jacob becomes very wealthy during his twenty-year stay with Laban, even though his father-in-law continually tries to swindle him. After seeking counsel with his wives, Jacob and his family flee from Laban, who pursues and confronts him, upset that he left without saying goodbye and arrogantly claiming that Jacob stole his idols. Eventually they sign a peace treaty and part ways

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:

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?"

December 28: "Chanukah: Do Miracles Still Happen?"

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

THANKSGIVING SMILES

Thank you to all who made the Thanksgiving dinner, organized by Stella Vladimirov, for the Olivette police and firefighters meaningful and memorable. Special thanks to the many donors who made it possible. There was cooking, shopping, *more* cooking, cleaning, delivering and putting smiles on the faces of first responders. NHBZ knows how to show its appreciation to those who protect us!



A very special thank you to: ***Norma Rubin, Jackie Berkin, Bob Kaiser, Chani Smason, Anna Rose and Victor Tendler and Sallie Volotzky*** for all their dedicated work in cooking and preparing the meal and poster card.

Thank you to our donors and participants: ***Amy and Denny Feit, Julie Eisenberg, Mimi Fiszal, Leonid Vladimirov and family, Marcela and Dr. Daniel Morgensztern and family, Rabbi Smason, Dr. Faye Cohen and Brian McCary and family, Sam and Shirley Bluestein, Jim Pollock, Gary Sudin and family, Sid and Phyllis Silverman, anonymous and Stella Vladimirov, Committee Chair of the kosher turkey brigade!***

~ This Week's Torah Trivia ~

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

Answer: 180 years. Of the 3 forefathers, he lived the longest

This Week's Question: How did Yaakov prepare for the meeting with his twin brother Eisav.



***Congratulations
to all our Honorees!***

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

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

Clayton Plaza Hotel

**7750 Carondelet Ave
Clayton, MO 63105**

**From Carondelet – Enter hotel driveway – Go straight ahead –
Follow signs to parking garage – Go up to bridge and cross over
to Hotel – Take elevator up to Crystal Ballroom**

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

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Phone: 314-991-2100, ext.2

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Email: reservations@nhbz.org



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**

Mincha at 3:00 pm ~ Letter Writing at 3:30 pm

Parade of Torah at 4:30 pm

Dedication ceremony and refreshments to follow

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!





THE SISTERHOOD SCOOP DECEMBER



Volume 2

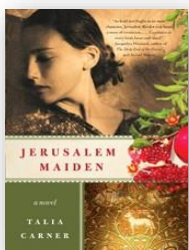
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Unique opportunity for all NHBZ Book Club members!

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!**

Celebrate our New Torah with Sisterhood

All members of Sisterhood are invited to attend the Celebration our New Torah on **Sunday, December 8,** at 3:30 pm. Join us and the entire shul as we dedicate this special verse selected by our Sisterhood Board:



Miriam, the prophetess, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women came out after her with timbrels and with dances.

-Shemos/Exodus 15:20

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks on "the Torah" and on "Education"

"The word Torah means teaching. God reveals Himself to mankind not in the storm, the wind, the sun, the rain, but in the voice that teaches, the words that instruct." *- Radical Then, Radical Now*

"The Hebrew Bible, the Torah, is an unusual book. It is... the unique endeavour to communicate the truths that can never be told as system; the truths that can only be told as story, handed on from parents to children, preserved not as a historical document but as a living memory, one that shapes the lives of successive generations as they continue to walk towards the promised land." *- Radical Then, Radical Now*

"Education means teaching a child to be curious, to wonder, to reflect, to enquire. The child who asks becomes a partner in the learning process, an active recipient. To ask is to grow." *- Jonathan Sacks Haggadah, p.106*

ALL SISTERHOOD BOARD MEMBERS
- CURRENT AND NEWLY ELECTED FOR 2020 -
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE
DECEMBER BOARD MEETING
5:00-6:45PM TUESDAY, DEC. 10
NHBZ - lower level classroom

Education

Why do we go to such extremes in educating our children--extremes to which we don't go in any other area of life? Turns out, there's a good reason...

In a mature tree, a gash here or a torn branch there is of little or no consequence. But the smallest scratch in the seed, the slightest nick in the sapling, results in an irrevocable deformity — in a flaw which the decades to come will deepen rather than erase.

Hence the great care and vigilance required in the education of the young. The values imparted to the child must be impeccable, free of even the slightest and most "forgivable" blemish.

- From www.chabad.org

Mazel Tov to
Sisterhood President
Teree Farbstein

recipient of the
HaKaros HaTov Award
at NHBZ's



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



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.

*** Price after Dec. 20th \$18 Adults- \$14 kids under 10.**

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

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





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

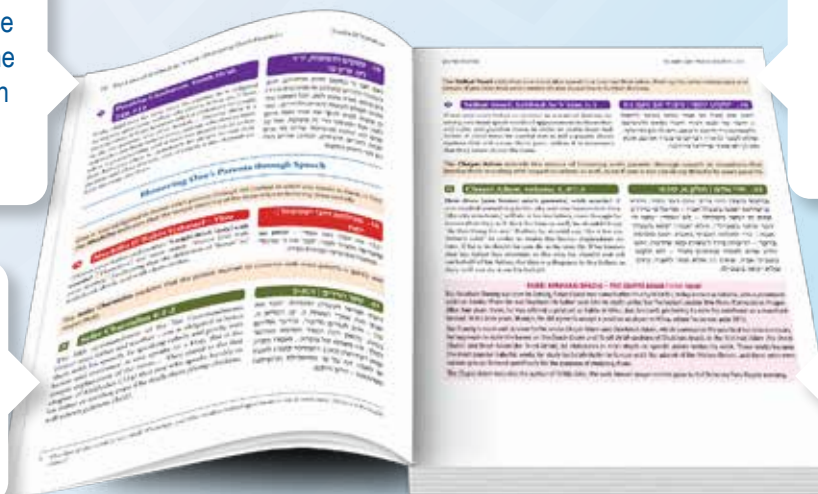


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RSVP to jeff@nhbz.org / 991-2100
Mondays at 7:00 pm

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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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January 4: "What Three People, Living or Dead, Would You Invite to Dinner?"

January 11: "Listen to Your Messages: How Do You Know When It's G-d Who Is Talking?"

January 18: "The Surprising Spiritual Side of Winter"

January 25: "Humor: Laughing When You Need It Most"



Women's Home Study Group

“Women in the Torah”

**First Tuesday of each Month, 2:30 pm
at the home of Jackie Berkin**

**facilitated by Rabbi Yaakov Berkowitz
of the St. Louis Kollel**

- **Open to all women**
- **Each class is self-contained**
- **No background knowledge needed**



To RSVP, contact **Jeff** at **314-991-2100** or jeff@nhbz.org.
We will provide host address & phone number at time of RSVP
Check the latest NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin for any time changes