



# Shabbos Bulletin

*Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion*

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December 28, 2019 ~ 30 Kislev 5780      Candle Lighting 4:28 pm      Shabbat Ends 5:32 pm

Parshas Mikeitz      Genesis 41:1 -- 44:17

Rosh Chodesh      Numbers 28:9-15

Maftir (Chanukah) Numbers 7:42 - 47

Haftorah: Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7, Isaiah 66: 1,24,1 Samuel 20:18, 42

Chumash pages 222 - 249

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Chumash pages 770

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Our Kiddush Luncheon is sponsored by the **NHBZ Israel Committee, Irwin and Arlene Fredman, The STL Friends of Israel and Shaving Israel.**

Thank you to **Dr. Craig and Jackie Berkin** for sponsoring the ice cream in celebration of their anniversary.

## Erev Shabbos, December 27

- Mincha & Ma'ariv ~ 4:25 pm

## Shabbos, December 28

- Shabbat Services ~ 9:00 am

- Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**  
- Shacharis: TBA  
- Leyning: **Shmuel Anton**

- Haftorah: TBA  
- Drasha: **No Drasha**  
- Musaf: **Shmuel Anton**

- 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: "Chanukah: Do Miracles Still Happen?"
- Kiddush Luncheon and Speaker ~ (approx.) 12:00 pm
- Mincha / Ma'ariv / Shalosh Seudos ~ 4:15 pm

## This Week and Beyond

Minyan Times	Shabbos Dec 28	Sun. Dec 29	Mon. Dec 30	Tues. Dec 31	Wed. Jan 1	Thurs. Jan 2	Fri. Jan 3	Shabbos Jan 4
Shachris	9:00 am+	8:00 am+	6:45 am	6:45 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv*	4:15 pm	4:30 pm	4:30 pm	6:45 pm*	4:30 pm	6:45 pm	4:30 pm	4:20 pm

\* Ma'ariv only      +Rosh Chodesh

**Happy Birthday to: Daniella Yasinev, Eli Szus, Louis Goldman, Dennis Yasinev, Lila Belasen, Dr. Naftali Kadosh and Mark Seigel**

**Anniversaries- Dr. Eldad & Danielle Bialecki**

**Shabbat Greeter: Teree Farbstein and Denny Feit**

- **Shabbos, December 28** ~ We welcome guest speaker, **Jack Langen**, whose topic will be: *Courage on Campus: How a University of Illinois Student Leader Stood With the Jewish Community*". Kiddush / Luncheon. **Sponsored by NHBZ Israel Committee, Irwin and Arlene Fredman, The STL Friends of Israel and Shaving Israel.**
- **Sunday, December 29 ~ 4:30 - 7:30 pm** ~ The NHBZ Chanukah Party for Kids and Adults
- **Shabbos, January 4** ~ Kiddush Luncheon
- **Shabbos, January 25 ~ Synaplex Shabbat** ~ featuring Nadav Alkoby, Midwest Campus Coordinator at ZOA Campus. Kiddush Luncheon.

### **Parshas Mikeitz**

Pharaoh has a two-part dream about seven scrawny cows devouring seven robust cows, followed by seven thin stalks of grain swallowing seven healthy, good ones. When his advisers are unable to adequately interpret the dream, Pharaoh summons Joseph, who had been in prison for a total of twelve years. Ascribing his power of interpretation solely to G-d, Joseph tells Pharaoh that Egypt will first experience seven years of abundant crops, and then will be ravaged by a devastating famine. Pharaoh appoints Joseph as viceroy of Egypt, making him the second most powerful man in the land (this is a source for the sport of tennis in the Torah -- we see that Joseph ... served in Pharaoh's court). Joseph's wife Asnat gives birth to two sons, Menashe and Ephraim, and the years of plenty and famine unfold just as Joseph had predicted. With the famine devastating the land of Canaan (Israel), Joseph's brothers descend to Egypt to purchase food. When they don't recognize their royal brother, Joseph sets in motion a plan to determine if the brothers have fully repented for their sin of selling him almost twenty-two years before. Joseph acts detached, accusing them of being spies, and holds Simeon hostage. Joseph then allows the rest of the brothers to go with food to their father on the condition that they return with their youngest brother Benjamin. With great reluctance, Jacob agrees to this condition. Mikeitz concludes with the looming threat that Benjamin will be made a slave to the Egyptian ruler.

### **Adult Learning at NHBZ**

**Wednesday Class: Class will not meet this Wednesday, January 1.**

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

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"

**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

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## New Date for NHBZ Book Club Mon., Jan. 13, 7:15-8:45 pm

The **author herself will Skype** with us at our next book club meeting on **Monday, January 13 at 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 314-518-4107 or email [terrischnitzer@yahoo.com](mailto:terrischnitzer@yahoo.com), or call Vivian at 314-997-1866 or [avzark@aol.com](mailto:avzark@aol.com).**

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



## Chanukah Thoughts INSIDE / OUTSIDE

There is more than one command in Judaism to light lights. There are three. There are the Shabbat candles. There is the havdalah candle. And there are the Hanukkah candles.

The difference between them is that Shabbat candles represent *shalom bayit*, peace in the home. They are lit indoors. They are, if you like, Judaism's inner light, the light of the sanctity of marriage and the holiness of home.

The Hanukkah candles used to be lit outside — outside the front door. It was only fear of persecution that took the Hanukkah candles back inside, and in recent times the Lubavitcher Rebbe introduced the custom of lighting giant menorahs in public places to bring back the original spirit of the day.

Hanukkah candles are the light Judaism brings to the world when we are unafraid to announce our identity in public, live by our principles and fight, if necessary, for our freedom.

As for the havdalah candle, which is always made up of several wicks woven together, it represents the fusion of the two, the inner light of Shabbat, joined to the outer light we make during the six days of the week when we go out into the world and live our faith in public.

When we live as Jews in private, filling our homes with the light of the *Shekhina*, the Divine presence, when we live as Jews in public, bringing the light of hope to others, and when we live both together, then we bring light to the world.

There always were two ways to live in a world that is often dark and full of tears. We can curse the darkness or we can light a light, and as the Chassidim say, a little light drives out much darkness. May we all help light up the world. — from Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks at [www.rabbisacks.com](http://www.rabbisacks.com)



## 114<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner





# Courage on Campus

## Shabbos, December 28, 2019



We welcome University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Student Body Vice-President Jack Langen who stood up for Jewish students by speaking against an anti-Israel resolution proposed by the student government.

**Services 9:00 am / Kiddush Luncheon 12:15 pm**

Mr. Langen will speak during lunch on:

**"Courage on Campus: How a University of Illinois Student Leader Stood With the Jewish Community"**

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To read more about Mr. Langen please go to: <https://www.algemeiner.com/2019/10/31/university-of-illinois-student-leader-hailed-for-courageous-stand-with-jewish-community-in-fight-against-anti-israel-resolution/>





# **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.



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?"

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?"

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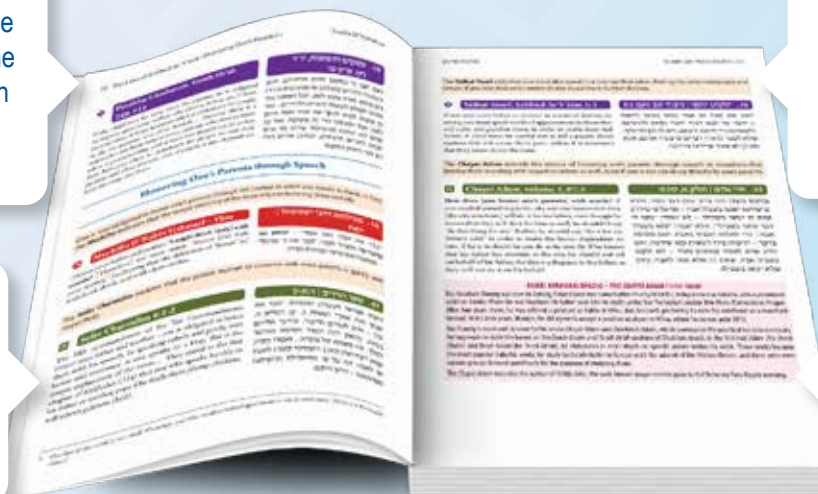


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There are many ways to participate in the writing of the **NHBZ TORAH**. You can make dedications in honor of family members or friends, in memory of loved ones, to commemorate a special occasion, your birthday, an anniversary, Bnai Mitzvah, or life 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**..... **\$5400**
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

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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** ..... **\$36**

Suggestion: Select letters of a family name

***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.***