



Shabbos Bulletin

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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December 21, 2019 ~ 23 Kislev 5780 Candle Lighting 4:24 pm Shabbat Ends 5:28 pm

Torah Portion: Genesis 37:1-- 40:23
Haftorah: Amos 2:6 - 3:8

Chumash pages 198-220
Chumash pages 1142-43

Thank you to our Sponsors:

Thank you to **Leo Bressler** for sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon today in honor of **Anna Rose Tendler** and **Phyllis Silverman** for the work they do for NHBZ.

This bulletin is sponsored by **Joni and Bob Kaiser** to say the following: "A huge thank you to all of you who attended (or attempted to attend!) NHBZ's Anniversary Dinner last Sunday evening and/or placed an ad in the Ad Journal. We were extremely touched by the people who expressed their warm wishes and who made it to the dinner despite the inclement weather. Your kind encouragement, support and friendship mean the world to us."

Erev Shabbos, December 20

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

Shabbos, December 21

- **Shabbat Services ~ 9:00 am**
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
 - Shacharis: **Mateo John**
 - Leyning: **Moshe Leib Cohen**
 - Haftorah: **Dr. Naftali Kadosh**
 - Drasha: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
 - Musaf: **Menachem Szus**
- **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 Do You Love About Being Jewish?"**
- **Mincha / Ma'ariv /Shalosh Seudos ~ 4:10 pm**

This Week and Beyond

Minyan Times	Shabbos Dec 21 +	Sun. Dec 22	Mon. Dec 23	Tues. Dec 24	Wed. Dec 25	Thurs. Dec 26	Fri. Dec 27	Shabbos Dec 28
Shachris	9:00 am	8:00 am	6:45 am	6:45 am	8:00 am	6:45 am	6:45 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv*	4:10 pm	4:25 pm	4:25 pm	6:45 pm*	4:25 pm	6:45 pm*	4:25 pm	4:15 pm

* Ma'ariv only

+First Night of Chanukah

Happy Birthday to: Bonnie Klein, Mindy Woolf, Debbie Finland, Norman Liss, Dr. Michael Kass, Gary Sudin, Betty Novick, Daniel Zarkowsky, Richard Goldstein and Mark Tendler

Anniversaries- Jay & Peggy Umansky, Irl & Myra Solomon, Abert & Sheila Goodman, Howard & Phyllis Loiterstein, Ronald & Sandra Segall and Craig & Jackie Berkin

Shabbat Greeter:

- **Shabbos, December 21** ~ Kiddush Luncheon sponsored by **Leo Bressler**
- **Sunday, December 22** ~ First night of Chanukah
- **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 is going to be fantastic!** Amy and Denny Feit are chairing the party and they have planned an event not to be missed, plus jelly doughnuts sponsored by the NHBZ Sisterhood and a raffle for a 48" 4K TV. **Please RSVP, Adults \$14 -Kids \$8- Family max \$48.** We are also looking for sponsors for the dinner at \$25 -\$100.
- **Shabbos, January 25 ~ Synaplex Shabbat** ~ featuring Nadav Alkoby, Midwest Campus Coordinator at ZOA Campus.

Note: Rabbi & Chani Smason and family will be out of town Dec.24 -26.

Kosher Food Drive for Tomchei Shabbat please drop off nonperishable kosher food items at the office through Chanukah

Parshas Vayeshev

Jacob's favoritism toward Joseph incites his brothers hatred. Their jealousy increases when Joseph tells them about two dreams which indicate that they will one day be subservient to him. Jacob sends Joseph to check up on his brothers, and upon seeing him approaching they plot to kill him. Reuben convinces the brothers not to kill Joseph, but is unable to totally save him as the brothers sell Joseph into slavery in Egypt. After dipping Joseph's coat in blood, they return to their father who assumes that his beloved son was torn apart by a savage beast. The Torah then digresses to relate the story of Judah and his daughter-in-law Tamar. The narrative then returns to Joseph in Egypt, where he becomes an extremely successful slave and is placed in charge of his master's household. His master's wife repeatedly tries to seduce Joseph, and when he refuses he is thrown into prison. Ten years later, Pharaoh's chief butler and baker are placed into the same prison. One night they each have a perplexing dream that Joseph accurately interprets, setting the stage for his release from prison.

Adult Learning at NHBZ

Wednesday Class: Class will not meet this Wednesday, Dec. 25, nor the following 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:

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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

A Message from Sisterhood...

Due to technical difficulties the Sisterhood Scoop is unable to publish this week. Stay tuned for the next issue!

- The Sisterhood looks forward to attending the Shul's Family Chanukah Party on Sunday, **December 29**, 4:30-7:30 pm. Please join us!
- The Dec. 16 meeting of the book club has been postponed until **January 13**, 2020, 7:15-8:45 pm, at the home of Vivian Zarkowsky. (You now have more time to complete the current book, Jerusalem Maiden, by Talia Carner, who will skype with us on Jan. 13!)
- Save the Date: Sunday, **January 19, 2020**, 1:00-3:30 pm for a Tour of the Holocaust Museum PLUS a special talk by Rachel Miller, survivor.

December 8, 2019 ~ Jay & Peggy Umansky write the first letter in our new Torah with the help of Rabbi Ntsun.





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

Raffle for 47" 4K TV

Dreidel Games (with prizes)

Bingo for Kids and Adults (more prizes!)



A Festive Dinner



Chicken, Latkes, & Sides !

Jelly Doughnuts Sponsored by Sisterhood
also "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





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"

~ Sponsored by NHBZ, STL Friends of Israel and Shaving Israel ~



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/>



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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**..... **\$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

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** **\$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.