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**Happy Birthday to ~ Rebecca (Lyss) Liberman, Alex Lyss, Jack Lyss & Danielle Smason
Anniversaries ~ David & Lisa Gellman, Menachem & Linda Szus and Linda & Norman Shore**

- **Tuesday, March 17** ~ 7:30 pm ~ Board Meeting ~ to held upstairs
- **Sunday, April 5** ~ **Pizza Night** ~ Pre-Pesach!
- **Wednesday, April 8** ~ First Seder ~ Pesach begins

Parshas Ki Sisa

The portion begins with G-d's command to Moses to take a census by collecting an equal contribution of a half-shekel coin from every adult male between the ages of 20 and 60, with the profits going to the Mishkan (Tabernacle). G-d designates Betzalel, of the tribe of Judah, and Oholiav, of the tribe of Dan, to supervise the upcoming construction of the Mishkan. The mitzvah of Shabbat is then repeated to caution the nation that even the construction of the Mishkan does not supersede the observance of the weekly day of rest. The Torah returns to the narrative of the Revelation at Mt. Sinai and describes the horrible sin of the golden calf. G-d relents to Moses' prayer that the Children of Israel should be spared from annihilation for this great transgression, and Moses descends from the mountain with the two tablets of the Ten Commandments in hand. Upon witnessing a small segment of the population dancing around the golden calf, Moses smashes the tablets and burns the idol, initiating the process of repentance. Moses again ascends the mountain to pray to G-d that the Jewish people should be forgiven and regain their status as the chosen people. Moses eventually returns with the second set of tablets and a renewed covenant with G-d, his face radiant as a result of the Divine experience.

Parah

Numbers 19:1-22 is read on the Shabbos following Purim. These verses deal with the Red Heifer used in the spiritual purification process at the time of the Holy Temple. This issue is important at this season of the year, since in looking forward to Passover, every Jew is careful to maintain spiritual purity in order to partake in the holiday offerings. Many authorities regard this reading as a Torah precept.



Cash Cards

Orders are now being taken through the 15th of the month. 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?

Trivia from the Parsha this week:

Last week's question: What is peculiar about this Parsha; what is missing?

Answer is: Moshe's name does not appear in this parsha.

This week's question : Why was the half-shekel used as a means of counting the people?

- **Sunday, March 29, 3:00-4:30 pm at NHBZ** ~Meet author Caroline Goldberg Igra and hear her speak about her book "Count to a Thousand". The book is available in advance at NHBZ for \$15 and is displayed in the lobby. Light refreshments.

Adult Learning at NHBZ

- **Every Monday 7:30 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 Wednesday at 12:15 pm ~ Study with Rabbi Smason- Pirkei Avos / Ethics of the Fathers.**
- **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:

March 21: (No Class from Rabbi Smason)

March 28: To Tell the Truth: Is Honesty Always the Best Policy?"

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

In the Community

Important Notice ! The Yaakov Shwekey concert scheduled for Sunday is cancelled

CURRENT BEST PRACTICES IN REGARDS TO PUBLIC SPACES DURING CORONAVIRUS

Welcome! In order to keep our whole community safe and healthy, we ask you to observe these best practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19.



Please restrict physical social contact including handshaking to help prevent the spread of infection.

Please refrain from kissing the Sefer Torah and mezuzahs.



Should anyone experience any flu-like symptoms, as in any flu season, including fever, cough and shortness of breath, please return home.

As a reminder, handwashing with soap and water for 20 seconds is the most effective way of preventing the spread of infection. Please utilize hand sanitizer dispensers, as well.



THE SISTERHOOD SCOOP

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Orli's Boutique

Orli's Boutique Open House

to support NHBZ Sisterhood!

Sunday, March 22, 11am - 4pm

**161 Lamp & Lantern Village in Chesterfield
(636) 527-1121**

Orli Axelbaum will donate a percentage of all sales at *Oli's Boutique* on Sunday, March 22 **to our Sisterhood!** This open house event marks the Spring kickoff of Sisterhood's 5th Annual Dine 'N' Style Luncheon and Fashion Show to be held August 30 at NHBZ.

Stop by ~ Shop ~ Support our Sisterhood!

NHBZ Sisterhood Book Club

The current book is the powerful bestseller about Hedy Lamarr by Marie Benedict

"The Only Woman in the Room"

The group meets on April 27.

All women are welcome!

For info call **Terri Schnitzer**
at **314-518-4107** or

terrischnitzer@yahoo.com



Sisterhood Stars at the Purim Seudah



Fran Reisler as Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg

Marilyn Liss as Queen Esther!

Parshas Ki Tisa – Measure Your Worth

- adapted from *Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis* (AISH.org)

Parashas Ki Tisa impresses upon us that not only is it possible for us to make a difference in this world, but it is our imperative to do so. The portion opens with the words "Ki tisa ... - When you take a census of the Children of Israel ... v'nasnu - every man shall give Hashem an atonement for his soul This shall they give - everyone who passes through the census, a half-shekel"

At first glance, this commandment to count the Jewish people appears puzzling. Surely the Almighty G-d knows our number, so what purpose is there in a census? And, why should the people be counted through a "half-shekel"?

This profound teaching can be a life-transforming experience through which we can make that difference. Ki tisa - the words with which the Torah commands the census - does not literally mean "counting," but rather "the elevation of one's head," - when we realize that *we count*, our heads are lifted up and we are elevated. The realization that we can impact on the destiny of the world, that our words and deeds have significance, charges us with responsibility and allows us to grow and become better people.

Our Sages offer many explanations as to how we may best achieve this elevation. When we make a spiritual accounting by carefully scrutinizing our lives, then we transcend ourselves and grow spiritually. By having to contribute half a shekel rather than a full shekel to the census, we are challenged to realize that we are all only halves and that our nation is strong only when its individual parts join in unity. It follows, then, that when we make a decision to pray with greater intensity and devote more time to Torah study, to be more scrupulous about the observance of Shabbos and kashruth, to make an effort to control our tempers and to desist from lashon hara (gossip and slander), to reach out with chesed (loving-kindness) and patience, then we are not only elevating our individual selves, but we are actually tipping the scales in favor of our people and the world.

The half-shekel that we are called upon to donate is also symbolic of a heart broken in half, which results from the awareness that sometimes we fail in our mission of fulfilling G-d's commandments. That realization is in and of itself a measure of atonement for our souls. As King David proclaimed in his psalm: "G-d is close to the broken hearted"

Finally, the word v'nasnu - "and they shall give" - is a Hebrew palindrome, a word or phrase that reads the same backward and forward, reminding us that that which we give always comes back and enriches us. When we give, our souls expand and our world becomes larger and more meaningful, bringing blessing to ourselves and to our people.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SAVE THE DATE ☆ SAVE THE DATE ☆ SAVE THE DATE

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☆ **Author Caroline Goldberg Igra – "Count to a Thousand" – Sunday, March 29, 3:00-4:30PM**

☆ **Next Book Club – Mon., April 27, 7:15-8:45PM**

☆ **Membership Tea – Sunday, May 3, 1:30-3PM**

☆ **5th Annual Dine 'N' Style Fashion Show, Luncheon & Shopping! – Sun., August**
OUR BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR!!



"Meet the Author"

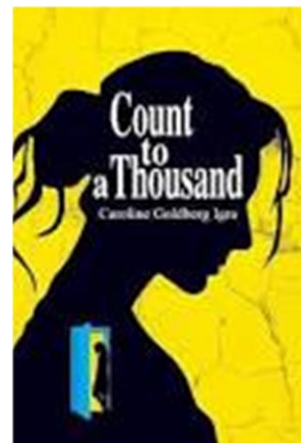
NHBZ Sisterhood and Israel Committee
invite you to meet

Caroline Goldberg Igra
author of ***"Count to a Thousand"***

Sunday, March 29
3:00-4:30pm

at Nusach Hari B'nai Zion
650 North Price Road, Olivette

"Count to a Thousand" tells the story of an American expatriate who constructs a purposefully insular life in Israel similar to the one she'd expected to live back in the United States. This "bubble" holds up beautifully until it's time to send her eldest child to the army. His induction into the Israeli Defense Forces and a succession of unexpected events ultimately collapse the fragile equilibrium she's managed to attain, forcing her to reassess her attitude toward her adopted country.



The book is available at NHBZ for \$15. Call to purchase and read your copy in advance of the discussion. Bring your copy - or buy one at the signing.

RSVP by March 24
to jeff@nhbz.org or 314-991-2100



"SHOP FOR SISTERHOOD"



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NHBZ CASH CARD ORDER FORM

WHAT IS SCRIP, AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP!**

- You purchase gift cards from NHBZ at face-value and NHBZ receives a percentage of your purchase from each card as listed below. It's that simple.
- Orders are due on the 15th of each month, and the cards are usually available to pick up in the office within 5 business days.
- Just fill out a form and mail or drop off at the office with your payment. **Fill Out: (All areas in red)**
(questions? Call Laura at 991-2100 x:3)

► **YOUR NAME:** _____ **PHONE#:** _____ **EMAIL:** _____

POPULAR CASH CARDS PURCHASED:	RETAILER	DENOMINATION	% TO NHBZ	QUANTITY	TOTAL
<p>Orders & payments to NHBZ may be made by check or cash only, and MUST accompany your order form.</p> <p>Payments received after the 15th of the month will automatically be placed on the next order date.</p> <p>**A complete list of participating businesses can be found at: ShopWithScrip.com</p> <p>If you do not have access to a computer or internet, please contact our office. Please do NOT order directly from the website.</p> <p>Write-in - Other Listed Retailer ►</p>	Amazon.com	\$25.00	2.25%		
		\$100.00	2.25%		
	AMC Theatres	\$25.00	8.0%		
	CVS	\$25.00	6.0%		
		\$100.00	6.0%		
	Dierberg's	\$25.00	2.5%		
		\$100.00	2.5%		
	Home Depot	\$25.00	4.0%		
		\$100.00	4.0%		
	Macy's	\$25.00	10.0%		
		\$100.00	10.0%		
	Starbucks	\$10.00	7.0%		
		\$25.00	7.0%		
	Target	\$25.00	2.5%		
		\$50.00	2.5%		
	Walgreens	\$25.00	5.0%		
		\$100.00	5.0%		
	Walmart/ Sam's Club	\$25.00	2.5%		
		\$100.00	2.5%		

**YOU RECEIVE THE FULL VALUE ON THE CASH CARDS!
IN ADDITION, NHBZ RECEIVES THE % INDICATED.** ►

Total Order:



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WE NEED YOUR HELP.**



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