



Shabbos Bulletin

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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April 4, 2020 ~ 10 Nisan 5780

Candle Lighting 7:08 pm

Shabbat Ends 8:12 pm

Parshas: Tzav -- Leviticus 6:1 -- 8:36
Haftorah: Jeremiah 7:21 - 8:3, 9:22,23

Chumash pages 568 - 587
Chumash pages 1167-1168

Shabbat Services for April 4th will NOT be held. All Shabbos and weekday services, classes and meetings will not be held at the NHBZ building.

Adult Learning at NHBZ has moved to online video or by phone classes. This presents a great opportunity for you to increase your learning!

On page 2 is the current list of online classes with Rabbi Smason and how to access them through your computer, smart phone (using Zoom) or phone (smart or otherwise -audio only)

- Shabbat ends ~ 8:12pm

No Minyanim at Shul: suggested times for davening at home

Minyan Times	Shabbos Apr 4	Sun. Apr 5	Mon. Apr 6	Tues. Apr 7	Wed.* Apr 8	Thurs.* Apr 9	Fri. Apr 10	Shabbos Apr 11
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	6:55 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	7:10 pm	7:10 pm	7:00 pm	7:05 pm

*Pesach

**Happy Birthday to ~ Eliana Brook, Morris Scheer, Margo Tzadok, Trudy Sudin,
Dr. Melisa Shapiro and Yishama Minoff**

Anniversaries ~ none

- Wednesday, April 8 ~ First Seder ~ Pesach begins

The Vaad Hoeir Pesach Guide is now available: <https://ovkosher.org/pesach2020/>

Parshas Tzav

The portion begins with G-d continuing to teach Moses many of the laws relating to the Mishkan service. However, while last week's portion described the korbanos (offerings) from the perspective of the giver, this week the Torah focuses more directly on the Kohanim, providing details about their service. After first describing the maintenance of the fire which burned on the altar, the Torah discusses the various kinds of korbanos which Aaron, his sons, and the succeeding generations of Kohanim would be offering. The offerings must be brought with the proper intention and eaten in a state of spiritual purity. Finally, Moses performs the lengthy consecration service of the Mishkan, and anoints Aaron and his sons for their service in the Mishkan, in front of the entire congregation of Israel.

NHBZ Online Classes with Rabbi Smason will keep you connected during this challenging time.

The classes listed below are easy to join and you can drop in on one without having previously attended. These classes are offered through Zoom video conferencing on your computer or smart phone (you do not need to download Zoom to see the class) **AND** through audio only on your telephone.

Instructions to attend a class:

***For Zoom video:** each class has a Zoom link- click on the link or copy and paste the link in your browser to join the class.

~ Pesach adjustment schedule in red ~

***NEW DAIL IN NUMBER** ***For audio through your telephone:** To hear the class only through your landline or cell phone: Dial-in number: **314-325-8791** (no pin is needed!). **All classes use the above number to join with audio.**

****If possible, please try to join each class a few minutes before the start-time**

1. Each weekday morning at 8:00 am No Class April 8-11 and April 15-16 (Sundays, at 9:00 am.). **Rabbi Smason will share a 10 minute D'var Torah** (Torah insight) relevant to the upcoming holiday of Pesach (Passover). **This will take place by telephone conference only.** Dial-in number: 314-325-8791

2. FOR KIDS ~ Monday - Friday at 2:00 pm ~Will meet Monday and Tuesday, April 6-7, and resume after the end of Pesach Take a 10-minute break from your online school and join Rabbi Smason as we explore short daily topical, relevant Torah snippets about Passover for ages 7 to 12 years old. On Fridays we will review the upcoming weekly Torah portion. Join by video at: <https://zoom.us/j/136785930>

3. Sunday- Thursday at 7:00 pm Will not take place April 7-11, April 15-16 ~ Rabbi Smason will offer a "Family Time Meeting" offering a few words of inspiration, perhaps a story, and then together we will recite Tehillim and sing. Each session is planned to last 15 minutes or so. Join by video at: <https://zoom.us/j/295822730>

4. Every Monday at 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. Join by video at: <https://zoom.us/j/295822730>

5. Every Wednesday at 12:15 pm ~Will not take place April 8, April 15. Study with Rabbi Smason- Pirkei Avos / Ethics of the Fathers. Our long-running class offers contemporary, relevant insights based upon the timeless wisdom of the Torah. Join by video at: <https://zoom.us/j/214068419>

6. Every Friday afternoon at 12:15 pm, Rabbi Smason will be offering a 45 minute class / discussion on insights into the weekly Torah portion. Will not take place April 10. While we currently are unable to have communal Torah study and listen to the Torah reading on Shabbos, we can at least prepare for the Torah portion that normally would be read on the upcoming Shabbos. Join by video at: <https://zoom.us/j/382191516>

Shalom friends,

This week's Parsha, Tzav, describes the work of the Kohanim. There is something that jumps out at us in this time of COVID-19. In between every action, the Kohanim are instructed to wash their hands and to change clothes.

The idea of cleanliness, both physical and spiritual, has been with our people from the start and has helped us survive. Let us learn from this for the current times.

Our shul continues the lockdown, with only the office staff working and our custodians maintaining the building.

This week we held an Executive meeting and made some operational decisions, especially concerning proper management of our funds and how to access SBA funds and those from other government agencies.

We are continuing to interview candidates for the Associate Rabbi position.

On a personal note, Linda, Micky and I attended a ZOOM Brit Milah. Our son in law's sister gave birth to a wonderful boy in Flatbush. The few attending physically all wore masks and gloves. The many other guests were on ZOOM. Baby Yosef ben Yaakov, will have something special to talk about when he grows into a young man. Wish them all lots of naches.

Linda and I noticed that after being married for 42 years, this will be the first seder when we shall not enlarge our table. Kids and grandkids are staying put, as well as our St. Louis family. A little sad but very necessary.

Just remember the first seder ever, some 3500 years ago. Bnai Yisrael in Egypt were ordered to stay with their family in the protection of their houses as the 10th plague raged outside.

Keep on contacting your family and friends. Stay healthy and keep safe.

Shabbat Shalom and Chag Kasher v'Sameach

Menachem Szus, Shul President



THE SISTERHOOD SCOOP

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Remember the Big Picture

The former chief rabbi Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks recently commented on how the Coronavirus could change Britain for the better:

"Passover contains a message of hope for all of us. Each year we tell the story of the exodus, that begins in suffering and ends in liberation and joy.

"That is the shape of the human story. Out of the bad, comes good, out of the curse comes blessing. Out of the coronavirus pandemic will come a new sense of collective responsibility, and we will all feel renewed."



**Sisterhood wishes you
and your families
a kosher and joyous
(and safe) Passover**

Sisterhood Book Club

While most of us are home-bound, why not join in the reading of Sisterhood's current book, the powerful bestseller about Hedy Lamarr by *Marie Benedict* "The Only Woman in the Room"?



Looking ahead, the June Book Club book is "Black, White, & Jewish: Autobiography of a Shifting Self" by *Rebecca Walker*, the daughter of a Jewish father and African-American mother who recalls her confusing but ultimately rewarding life lived between two conflicting ethnic identities. Watch for instructions how to join the new on-line Zoom Book Club from home! For more info Call **Terri Schnitzer** at 314-518-4107 or terrischnitzer@yahoo.com



Parshas Tzav - Give a Little Push - by Mordechai Wollenberg

This week's Torah reading tells us that "...and the fire... shall be kept burning in [the Altar]...and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning"(Leviticus 6:5). The Talmud points out that although there was a fire that descended from heaven, nonetheless a "human input" was required to keep the fire burning. We could ask a question on this—and, indeed, on the entire process of the Divine service which took place in the Temple and takes place in our everyday lives: what does G-d need our work for? Surely He could do everything Himself?

The Talmud relates a story of Rabbi Chanina ben Dosa who saw a huge stone, which he wanted to donate to the Temple. The stone was too big for him to move by himself and he could not afford to hire laborers to help him to move it. He saw a vision in which G-d told him: Push it with your little finger. Rabbi Chanina ben Dosa pushed the stone and he saw angels who helped him to move it to the Temple. What is this story teaching us? We frequently find ourselves facing overwhelming challenges. It is worthwhile to remember that all G-d is asking from us is that we push with our little finger. We have the ability to tap into the infinite, we just have to "open the door" and do our best. When we do, we will find ourselves succeeding beyond our wildest dreams. With the help from Above, we are able to accomplish far more than we ever could by ourselves.

However, we have to make that first move, even if it is only a little push, to tap into the infinite, to bring down the Divine blessings into our everyday lives.

Did you know? Sisterhood...

- ☑ matches funds for children of NHBZ Members who are eligible for St. Louis 'JFed' Passport to Israel Program
- ☑ presents the Annual **Dine 'N' Style** Luncheon & Fashion Show
- ☑ sponsors Holiday special treats at Purim, Simchas Torah, Hanukkah, and Pesach
- ☑ organizes educational programs, social events, and chesed activities to strengthen our shul, support community and enrich the lives of our members through spiritual growth in Torah values.

Join us! If you haven't yet sent in your Sisterhood dues for 2020 – please mail your check for \$25 to the office



Selling Chametz Pesach 2020

Dear Members and Friends,

The challenging situation of the Covid-19 requires a modification in the way we will be able to sell our chametz this year. Unlike previous years where you could personally meet with Rabbi Smason and then designate him as your *shliach* (proxy) to sell your chametz, current circumstances require the chametz sale to be conducted by email or regular (snail) mail.

Below, please find a form authorizing Rabbi Smason to be your *shliach* (proxy) to sell your chametz for Pesach, this year to begin on the evening of April 8 and conclude on the evening of April 16.

Your authorization form **MUST** be in Rabbi Smason's possession no later than Tuesday, April 7. If you plan on sending the form by regular mail, please allot sufficient time for its arrival to the NHBZ office.

It is customary to make a donation when arranging the chametz sale. Checks can be made out to NHBZ with "Chametz sale" in the memo line. Alternatively, you can make a donation by clicking here. Please make a notation on the Paypal site in the memo stating of "Chametz sale"

If you have any questions about the process of the sale of chametz, please don't hesitate to contact Rabbi Smason by email (Pepshort613@gmail.com) or phone (314 991-2100 x 1)

Date _____

I / We appoint Rabbi Ze'ev Smason to be my/our agent in regard to the sale of *CHAMETZ* prior to Passover, and subsequent re-purchase after Passover, if possible. This agency is bound by the dictates of *Halacha* and all necessary qualifications to ensure that this agency and sales, purchases and rentals enacted thereby meet these requirements are deemed to be part of this agreement.

Reference is made to the standard *SHTAR HARSHA'AH* in this regard. Included in this agency is the right to appoint further agents and to rent/sell real and personal property as need be to ensure that the *HALACHIC* concerns in regard to *chametz* on Passover are met.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Signatures _____