

# **Shabbos Bulletin**

# Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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September 5, 2020 ~ 16 Elul 5780 Candle Lighting 7:09 pm Shabbat Ends 8:10 pm

Parshas: Ki Savo Deuteronomy 26:1 -- 29:8 Chumash pages 1068 -- 1085

Haftorah: Isaiah 60: 1-22 Chumash pages 1201 -1202

#### SUGGESTED TIMES FOR DAVENING AT HOME

Minyan Times	Wed Sept 2	Thurs Sept 3	Fri Sept 4	Shabbos Sept 5	Sun Sept 6	Mon Sept 7	Tues Sept 8	Wed Sept 9
Shachris	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	9:00 am	8:00 am	8:00am	7:00 am	7:00 am
Mincha / Ma'ariv	7:05 pm	7:05 pm	7:05 pm	6:55 pm	6:55 pm	6:55 pm	6:55 pm	6:55 pm

Davening at Shul! (Tent on East Parking Lot) Mincha / Maariv: Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 7:15 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00 pm - Shabbat Morning: 9:00 am See attachment for full information.

**Happy Birthday** ~ Myra Solomon, Carl Solomon, Fran Hoffman, Dr. Daniel Morgensztern, Mr. Corey Woolf, Irwin Rosen and Jesse Barash

Happy Anniversary ~ Louis & Rebecca Goldman and Dr. Michael & Charlene Kass

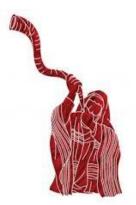
# This Week and Beyond.....

Friday Evening, September 4 ~ Virtual Kabbalat Shabbat Service at 6:45 pm
 Join us for our Virtual Kabbalat Shabbat. We'll gather on Zoom to welcome Shabbat in song with a guest Chazzan and Rabbi Smason providing inspirational and instructive Dvar Torah.

Join by video: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/295822730">https://zoom.us/j/295822730</a> Join by audio: 314-325-8791

# **Daily Shofar Blowing at NHBZ!**

Sunday through Thursday at noon, a Tekias Shofar (Shofar blowing) will take place in the NHBZ parking lot (East side). Come -- please wear masks and remain in your cars -- while either Rabbi Smason or Rabbi Okin provide us with the opportunity to hear the shofar. You will have a blast! Listening to a daily shofar blowing is customary each weekday during the month of Elul. Rabbis Smason and Okin will alternate. (No shofar blowing on Friday)





Arba Minim (Lulav & Etrog) will be available for purchase, for members only.

#### Prices:

Basic Lulav & Etrog set \$50.00 Standard Lulav & Etrog set \$60.00 Deluxe Lulav & Etrog set \$70.00 Premium Lulav & Etrog set \$85.00

The order deadline will be Friday, September 18th. Order now: email or call the office.

## Parshas Ki Savo

The parsha begins by describing the annual mitzvah for farmers in Israel to bring their bikurim, or first fruits, to the Kohen in the Temple. The donor was then to recite a prayer of thanksgiving, recalling how G-d had delivered his ancestors from Egypt and brought the new generation into a land flowing with milk and honey. Moses then teaches two special mitzvos, which the Jewish people are to perform upon entering the land of Israel. First, they are to inscribe the entire Torah on twelve large stones. Second, the twelve tribes are to ratify their acceptance of the Torah in the following manner; six tribes were to stand on Mt. Gerizim, representing the blessings, while the remaining six tribes were to stand on Mt. Eival, signifying the curses. The Levites were to stand in the valley between, reciting blessings and curses which will apply respectively to those who observe and defy the Torah. The parsha concludes with a recounting of the wonderful blessings G-d will bestow upon the Jewish people for remaining faithful, and a chilling prophecy of what might happen if the Jewish people do not follow the Torah.

NHBZ will have available Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur machzorim (special books) to lend to our members during the holidays. Contact the office for lending arrangements.

A deposit of \$65 in the form of a check or credit card is required.

# **Book of Remembrance**

**Yizkor** 

Please respond to the email concerning the NHBZ YIZKOR Book of Remembrance The deadline is September 8th



# Strengthening Your Zionist Narrative

# Wednesday, September 2, 2020 7:30 P.M



Our speaker will be Adam Blue. Adam is the Midwest high school coordinator for StandWithUs, an international Israel education organization. Adam will speak on:

# "Strengthening Your Zionist Narrative: Education as a Tool for Empowerment"

You must register in advance for this meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlodOmrrT8pHN36Z6cQmCL1IOE25yEivgA5

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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The NHBZ Sisterhood wishes you Health, Happiness & Prosperity in the New Year...

...and invites you to wish L'Shana Tova Tikatevu to everyone in our NHBZ family!

Make your check payable to NHBZ, and write 'Sisterhood Greeting' on the memo line \$5 minimum donation, please - no maximum!

There is still time for your name to be published in the 5781 Rosh Hashanah Bulletin – if you Email your greeting information directly to

sisterhood@nhbz.org or call 314-991-2100, Ext. 3

No later than 4:00pm Thursday Sept. 10

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NHBZ SISTERHOOD NEW YEAR GRE	EETING ~ FOR ROSH HASHANAH 5781 BULLETIN					
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Amount enclosed \$	(\$5 per name minimum – <u>no</u> <u>maximum</u> !)					
Please list my name(s) as follows:	A Good and Sweet Year Shana Tova Umetukah					
Proceeds benefit NHBZ's Passport to Israel Program and	d other NHBZ Sisterhood projects					



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# KI TAVO: "I'll Do It Tomorrow"

People often say, "I don't have time to work on figuring out all the big questions of life today, but there's always tomorrow. Then I'll have plenty of time to do it." Tomorrow comes and they say the same thing. This can go on and on for years, until an entire lifetime has passed! Addressing this danger, the Torah says, "TODAY, Hashem, your G-d, commands you to perform these decrees." The Torah is telling us not to procrastinate. We must not push off our spiritual obligations.

Each day in a person's life carries with it its own challenges and mission. What is to be accomplished today cannot be postponed for tomorrow, because tomorrow has its own set of challenges. The verse states "Avraham and Sarah were old, well on in years..." Literally, the expression means "they came with days." The Zohar explains that Avraham and Sarah came through life with all their days intact, for they had utilized them all to the maximum.

The mishnah in Pirkei Avos teaches, "Do not say, 'when I am free I will study,' for perhaps you will not become free." One should never postpone learning Torah to a more opportune time since it may never come. Every day has its preoccupations and distractions. The Kotzker Rebbe explained the Mishnah with a slight twist: "Don't wait until you are free to learn, for your special task in life may be to learn while under stress and pressure." If you wait until the pressure subsides, you may end up waiting forever!

-adapted from Rabbi Eli Scheller, www.aish.com

Asking for Help "If you wish to change your personality, study Torah and implement it in your daily living, and pray to G-d to remove your undesirable traits. You cannot do it by yourself."

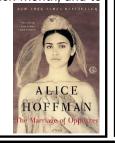
— Rabbi Yisroel Friedman (1796-1850)

# Book Club discussed "The Lost Girls of Paris" at its August Zoom meeting

Thanks to *Terri Schnitzer*, the organizing force behind Sisterhood's Book Club each month, and to

Teree Farbstein for facilitating the August 24 discussion. Next up, the Book Club will read The Marriage of Opposites, by Alice Hoffman for Mon., Oct. 26. For more information call

Terri Schnitzer: 314-518-4107 or terrischnitzer@yahoo.com



# NHBZ SISTERHOOD THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR

Rosh Hashanah Gift Basket Project



Your gift is a wonderful way to wish 'Shana Tova' to family, friends, and members of our congregation, and to stay connected with one another during this time of isolation... all while supporting our Sisterhood!



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A not-to-be-missed virtual evening of celebration, community, and giving, featuring Bari Weiss. As a writer and editor, formerly for the Opinion section of *The New York Times*, Bari continues to comment on the complex world we're living in today from anti-Semitism to COVID-19.

# SAVE THE DATE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020 • 7 PM

L'Chaim! The Roots of Our Community
Tickets: \$18

Includes a special *L'Chaim!* Box filled with tools to help us celebrate together.

Exclusive opportunity: Bari Spills the Beans

Submit questions and hear an exclusive conversation with Bari Weiss prior to the virtual event.

Tickets: \$54, includes a ticket to the Main Event, a signed copy of Bari's book, and a special *L'Chaim!* treat

To sit at NHBZ's table contact *Joanna* at <u>joanna.alper@gmail.com</u> Or for more info: *Stacy* at WP@JFedSTL.org or 314-442-3730

**Davening at Shul! (Tent on East Parking Lot)** 

Mincha/Maariv: Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday - 7:15 pm

(approximately 25 minutes)

Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00 pm (approximately 40 minutes)
Shabbat Morning: 9:00 am (approximately 1.5 hours)

We are limiting attendance to 25.

You must call or email to reserve your space for Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat morning.

Contact either Jeff Miller or Alan Zarkowsky by Thursday evening. You will be contacted if we are unable to accommodate you.

## Come on time! As noted, davening times are shortened.

#### Outdoor Davening Procedures

- 1. Anyone with symptoms of Covid-19 or who has within the last 14 days been in contact with someone having symptoms MUST NOT ATTEND.
- Those at higher risk for severe illness per CDC quidelines are strongly discouraged from attending.
  This includes those over 65, or those with chronic medical conditions including obesity, lung
  disease, diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, severe kidney or liver disease, neurological
  disorders, or immunocompromised.
  - We strongly suggest checking with your private physician.
- 3. You must wear a mask at all times. Surgical or cloth masks are acceptable. If you feel the need to remove your mask, you must leave the area and then return when ready to put the mask back on.
- 4. Sanitize hands prior to entering.
- 5. Bring your own siddur. Men must bring their own tallis.
- Pick any of the available seats. Do not rearrange seats or rows.Stay at your seat for the duration of davening. Do not change seats or go to visit with others.
- 7. Proper physical distancing must be maintained at all times.
- 8. Do not share books or bring books to others.
- 9. We will limit any singing along with the davening.
- 10. Procedures for leyning will be provided when we read Torah.
- 11. Bathrooms are only available if absolutely necessary and then by one person at a time.
- 12. At the end of davening, exit the area as quickly as possible while maintaining distancing.

# ANYONE NOT COMPLYING WITH THE ABOVE PROCEDURES WILL BE TOLD TO LEAVE.

Call or email Alan Zarkowsky with any questions. Thank you. We look forward to seeing you.

Jeff Miller: 314-991-2100 ext 2 / jeff@nhbz.org
Alan Zarkowsky: 314-805-1896 / avzark@aol.com



# **NHBZ Online Classes**

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. All 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.

\*For audio through your telephone: Dial-in number: 314-325-8791

All classes listed below will use the above number to join with audio only.

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

- 1. Weekdays at 8:00 am (Sun. 9:00 am) New topic: "Tehillim Tips; Insights Into Our Prayers" with Rabbi Smason. Each session is planned to last 30 minutes or so. Join by video at: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/99013706617">https://zoom.us/j/99013706617</a>
- 2. Monday Friday: 2:30 3:00 pm ~ "King David: His Life, Times and Spirit" with Rabbi Smason. This class will offer an in-depth study of the King David through sources in the Book of Samuel and Psalms.

  Join by video: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/136785930">https://zoom.us/j/136785930</a>
- 3. Friday at 8:00 am ~ Rabbi Smason will discuss the "Haftorah of the Week" Join by video at: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/99013706617">https://zoom.us/j/99013706617</a>
- **4. Sunday- Wednesday at 7:00 pm ~ 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 a: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/295822730">https://zoom.us/j/295822730</a>
- **5. 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: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/295822730">https://zoom.us/j/295822730</a>

# **NHBZ Online Classes (cont.)**

**6.** Every Wednesday at 12:15 pm ~ 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: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/214068419">https://zoom.us/j/214068419</a>

7. Thursdays at 7:00 pm ~ Rabbi Smason will offer his popular "Starting Points" program -- a 45-minute discussion/presentation of relevant, contemporary topics. Titles and dates, below.

Join by video a: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/295822730">https://zoom.us/j/295822730</a>

September 3 "Life Lessons My Parents and Grandparents Taught Me" September 10 "Tikun Olam: What Does It Mean To "Perfect The World"? September 17 "Begin Again: What Can Make This the Best Year Ever?" September 24 "The Perfect Apology: What Ingredients Matter Most?" Oct. 1 "Character Counts: How Does Yours Measure Up?" Oct. 8 "What's the Best Way to Start Getting Happier?"



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