



Shabbos Bulletin

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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January 2, 2021 ~ 18 Teves 5781

Candle Lighting 4:32 pm

Shabbos Ends 5:36 pm

Parshas: Vayechi Genesis 47:28 -- 50:26
Haftarah: 1 Kings 2:1-12

Chumash pages 268 - 289
Chumash pages 1145-1146

Erev Shabbos, January 1

- Mincha & Ma'ariv ~ 4:30 pm

Shabbos, January 2

- Shabbat Services ~ 9:00 am
- Mincha ~ 4:20 pm
Parsha Deep Dive with Rabbi Avi Okin ~
"Finding Meaning in Friday Night"
- Ma'ariv/Shabbos ends ~ 5:36 pm

Important: Don't forget to register to attend Shabbat services. Call 991-2100 ext. 2 or jeff@nhbz.org by 4pm Thursday.



Davening Times

NEXT 4 DAYS	Wed Dec 30	Thurs Dec 31	Fri Jan 1	Shabbos Jan 2
Shachris	7:00 am	7:00 am	8:00 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv	N/A	4:30 pm	4:30 pm	4:20 pm
Ma'ariv Only	6:45 pm	N/A	N/A	N/A

NEXT WEEK	Sun Jan 3	Mon Jan 4	Tues Jan 5	Wed Jan 6	Thurs Jan 7	Fri Jan 8	Shabbos Jan 9
Shachris	8:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	8:00 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:35 pm	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4:35 pm	4:25 pm
Ma'ariv Only	N/A	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	N/A	N/A

Birthdays ~ Dr. Naftali Kadosh, Lila Belasen and Mark Seigel

Anniversaries ~ Dr. Craig & Jackie Berkin and Dr. Eldad & Danielle Bialecki

This Week and Beyond

- **Wednesday, January 6, 2021 ~7:00 pm~** Presentation: *"The Sephardic Story: From King Solomon to the Ends of the Earth."* by Dr. Isaac Amon.
Join by video at: <https://zoom.us/j/295822730>
- **Sunday, January 10 ~ 7:00 - 8:00 pm ~ NHBZ 115th Anniversary Virtual Event:**
"Food for Thought" ~ everyone is invited to attend via Zoom video.

Watch the YouTube video

Watch the video of Rabbi Smason's recent presentation *"Jump-starting Change in a Pandemic New Year"* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-MX1HcGjWg&feature=youtu.be>

Upcoming Youth Programming with Rabbi Okin

1/23- Teen DIY Pizza Making and Shmooze
2/7- Family Triva Night
2/21- Pre-Purim Event
3/21- Pre-Pesach Event
3/28- Pesach Event

Please get your Pushke to us now!

We can pick up your Pushke or you can drop it off at shul. ~ please contact jeff@nhbz.org to make arrangements or call the office 991-2100 ext. 2. Please put the contents in a plastic bag with your name on it and keep your Pushke for continued use.

You also have the convenient option to simply count the amount in your Pushke and then mail a check for that amount.

To the Source

Please join Rabbi Smason's popular text based 'To the Source' each Monday evening at 7:30 P.M. Following the completion of selected topics in Kashrus, this coming Monday begins a new topic: "Torah Perspectives on the Coronavirus." In the coming weeks we will study, analyze and discuss classic and modern Torah texts concerning issues such as, "What do Do When Plagues Strike?", "What If It Is Not One's Time to Die?", and "Vaccine Triage: Who Should Get It First?"
Join by video at: <https://zoom.us/j/295822730>

Parshas Vayechi

The final portion of the first book of the Torah describes Jacob's actions immediately preceding his death in Egypt. Jacob makes Joseph swear to bury him in the land of Israel, and then gives Joseph's two sons, Menashe and Ephraim, a special blessing. Notwithstanding Joseph's protest, Jacob insists on giving the younger Ephraim the right-hand position of primacy during the blessing (is this the origin of 'my right-hand man'?). Jacob then proceeds to give each of his other sons their individual blessings in accordance with their own unique character traits and life purpose. Jacob passes away at the age of 147. He then is brought by his sons and accompanied by a great procession of Egyptian royalty to the land of Israel where he is buried in M'aras HaMachpelah (The Tomb of the Patriarchs). Upon returning to Egypt, Joseph's brothers fear that he will finally take revenge now that their father is dead. However, Joseph reassures them that he bears no hard feelings. The portion concludes with Joseph's death and the Jewish people's promise to carry his bones with them to Israel when they are finally redeemed.

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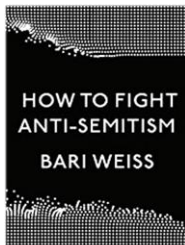
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January 2, 2021

Next BOOK CLUB Meeting: This Monday, January 4

The next ZOOM meeting of the NHBZ Sisterhood Book Club will be **Monday, Jan. 4, 7:15-8:45pm**. The book is: **"How to Fight Anti-Semitism,"** by Bari Weiss, who was the featured speaker at the recent JFed's Women's Philanthropy event and is the former op-ed staff editor for **The New York Times**.

Bari Weiss grew up at the Tree of Life Synagogue, the site of last year's Shabbat morning massacre in Pittsburgh. Her insightful book, vividly written, is must-read argument against modern-day anti-Semitism.



Call Terri Schnitzer at 314-518-4107 or email terrischnitzer@yahoo.com to join Sisterhood's Book Club, or to submit your book choice for the Feb. 22, 2021 Book Club Meeting:

- ☐ **"Noah's Wife"** by Lindsay Starck, or
- ☐ **"Finding Dorothy"** by Elizabeth Letts

The Blessing of Fulfilling One's Potential

Vayechi (Genesis 47:28-50:26)

– by **Rabbi Dr. Abraham Twerski**, aish.com

Jacob called for his sons and said, "Assemble yourselves ... Gather yourselves and listen, O sons of Jacob, and listen to Israel your father" (49:1-2) This is what their father spoke to them and he blessed them, each according to his appropriate blessing (49:28)

The Talmud says that the only vessel that can contain blessings is shalom (peace). Prior to giving them his blessings, Jacob twice indicated the importance of togetherness: assemble and gather. Fragmentation and divisiveness can undo even the greatest blessings.

It is significant that in blessing them, Jacob referred to both his names, Jacob and Israel. He was named Jacob (Yaakov) because when he was born he held onto the heel (ekev) of Esau. The name, Jacob, thus represents the person at birth, the genetic endowments and the potential. The name, Israel, was given to him after he wrestled with an angel and triumphed; Israel meaning, "You have striven with the Divine and with man and have overcome" (Genesis 32:29). Israel, therefore, represents Jacob's achievements, his ability to be master over both human and superhuman forces.

It is of interest that we do not find manifest blessings in Jacob's words. He seems, rather, to be describing the character traits of each of his sons. The Torah tells us that indeed, "He blessed them, each according to his appropriate blessing."

Jacob knew his children. He instructed them to each fulfill his unique potential, maximizing the particular talents, skills and character strengths with which he was created. This is the greatest blessing of all. Jacob did not bless them with wealth or other external acquisitions. The latter may not be a blessing at all. The true blessing is for a person to become everything that he can be.

This is an important teaching for parents. Sometimes parents set their minds on what they would like their child to be, not taking into consideration the child's interests and abilities. All parents want the best for their child. However, they may think they know what is best for the child, whereas what they really desire is that the child fulfill their aspirations for him. The patriarch teaches us that we must get to know our children and help them develop and realize their own unique potential.

In these few words, Jacob conveyed the essence of blessings: brotherhood, working at achievement (Israel) and developing one's innate endowment to its fullest (Jacob).

When a person turns himself around, regrets his past and does good, that is such a powerful act that his sins become merits.

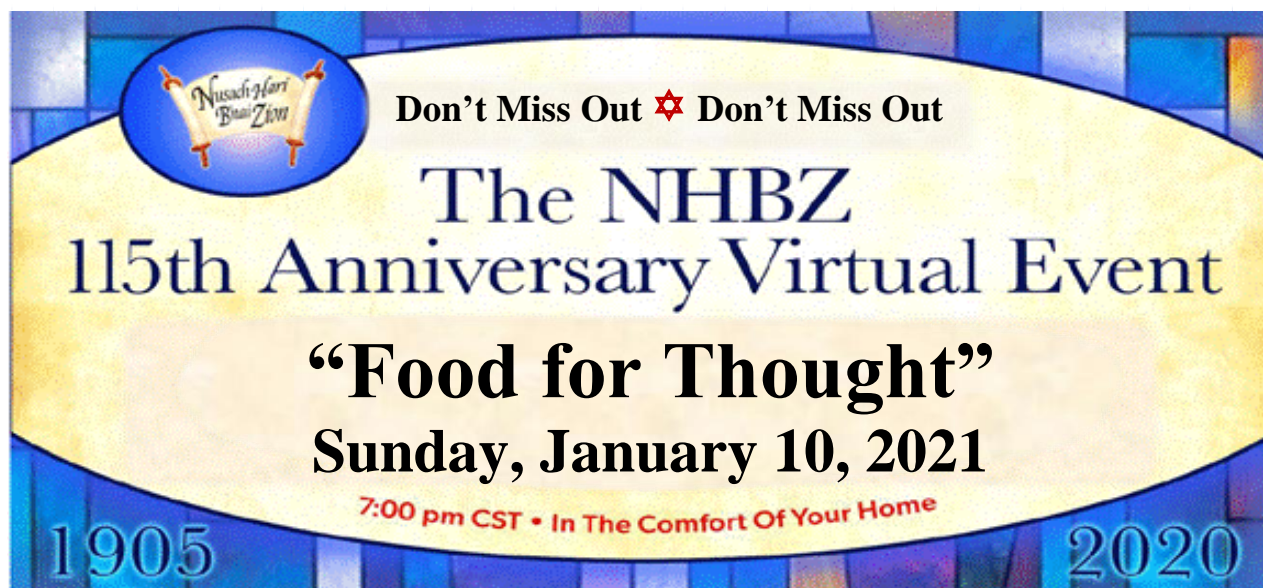
– Rabbi Shimon ben Lakish

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the 115th Anniversary Event
Sunday, January 10. Watch for
the ZOOM Link to be sent out!**

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The NHBZ
115th Anniversary Virtual Event
"Food for Thought"
New Date ~ Sunday, January 10, 2021
7:00 pm CST • In The Comfort Of Your Home

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2. Or call **314-325-8791** for our old audio connection. We encourage you to use the preferred option as this option will not be available soon.

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: <https://zoom.us/j/99013706617>

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.

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3. Friday at 8:00 am ~ Rabbi Smason will discuss the **“Haftorah of the Week”**

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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