



Shabbos Bulletin

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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February 13, 2021 ~ 1 Adar 5781

Candle Lighting 5:17 pm

Shabbos Ends 6:21 pm

Parshas Mishpatim: Exodus 21:1 -- 24:18
Rosh Chodesh: Numbers 28:9-15
Parshas Shekalim: Maftir: Exodus 30:11-16
Haftarah: 2 Kings 11:17 - 12:17

Chumash pages. 416 - 443
Chumash pages. 890 - 892
Chumash page 484
Chumash pages 1212 - 1214

Thank you to our Shabbat bulletin sponsors:

Joni Kaiser in honor of **Bob's** birthday: "Happy birthday to my sweetheart of a husband whose birthday is February 14. I will be forever thankful for the way you have brightened the dark days of this pandemic with your humor and kindness. May Hashem bless you with good health and much happiness in the year ahead."

Dr. Faye and Brian McCary in celebration of the 16th birthday of their son **Scott**.

Erev Shabbos, February 12

- Mincha & Ma'ariv ~ 5:15 pm

Shabbos, February 13

- Shabbat Services ~ 9:00 am
- Mincha ~ 5:05 pm

"Introduction to Jewish Thought"

with Rabbi Avi Okin

- Ma'ariv/Shabbos ends ~ 6:21 pm



THE MINYAN WANTS YOU!

Important: Please register to attend Shabbat services. Call 991-2100 ext. 2 or jeff@nhbz.org by 4pm Thursday. Please see the Rabbi Smason letter concerning Shabbat and Purim on page 3.

Davening Times

NEXT 4 DAYS	Wed Feb 10	Thurs Feb 11	Fri * Feb 12	Shabbos* Feb 13
Shachris	7:00 am	7:00 am	6:45 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv	N/A	N/A	5:15 pm	5:05 pm
Ma'ariv Only	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	N/A	N/A

*Rosh Chodesh

NEXT WEEK	Sun Feb 14	Mon Feb 15	Tues Feb 16	Wed Feb 17	Thurs Feb 18	Fri Feb 19	Shabbos Feb 20
Shachris	8:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv	5:25 pm	5:25 pm	N/A	N/A	N/A	5:25 pm	5:15 pm
Ma'ariv Only	N/A	N/A pm	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	N/A	N/A

Birthdays ~ Scott McCary, Robert Kaiser, Moshe Pinto, Maxwell Pepose, Samuel Pepose, Morissa Pepose and Stuart Klamen

Anniversary~ Mark & Natalia Wallman

This Week and Beyond

- **Monday, February 15 ~ 3:30 pm ~"Crown Center: Virtual Celebration of Purim" with Rabbi Smason.** Please see below for further details.
- **Monday, February 15 ~ 7:00-8:00 pm ~ Family Trivia Night ~** A program of the NHBZ Children & Young Families Committee. See the flyer for details.
- **Thursday and Friday February 25-26 ~ PURIM —**Megillah Reading
Thursday evening, Ma'ariv: 6:35 pm Megillah Reading: 6:45 pm
Friday morning, Shacharis: 6:30 am
Pre-registration to attend the Megillah readings is required. please see Rabbi Smason's letter on p.3
- **Sunday, February 28 ~ Kosher Carry Out PIZZA NIGHT** from 4:00- 5:30 p.m. All pizzas are \$14 with your choice or combination of mushrooms, green peppers and onions. Orders are prepaid, order by noon Friday, February 26 by calling 991-2100 Ext 2 or emailing jeff@nhbz.org pay online <https://www.nhbz.org/make-a-payment-2/>
- **Sunday, March 7 ~ Meet Elie Kligman, a top Major League Baseball prospect who happens to be... Jewish.** Join us on Zoom. See the flyer.

Join Rabbi Okin and young men from all over Saint Louis for Torah and Camaraderie **Thursday Nights from 8-830 pm.** Sessions will begin virtually for a text-based and interactive learning session. If you are interested, join the Whatsapp group using this link:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/leuwWw6NTFIDC96XIXkRGv>

Parshas Mishpatim

Following on the heels of the Ten Commandments, this week's Torah portion deals primarily with civil law. Like the realm of the ceremonial, our worldly and common activities must be infused with holiness and observed carefully. Included among the civil laws discussed in the portion are: Penalties for causing bodily injury to another person and damaging his property; laws regarding borrowers; the mitzvah to show sensitivity to the poor and to offer them free loans; and laws relating to the honest dispensation of justice. After mentioning the mitzvos of Shabbos and Shemittah (the Sabbatical year), the portion continues with a brief discussion of the three pilgrimage festivals -- Passover, Shavuot and Sukkos. The Torah then returns to the revelation at Mt. Sinai. The Jewish people declare their commitment to do whatever G-d commands with the famous phrase "Everything G-d has said, we will do and we will listen." The portion concludes with Moses' ascending the mountain, where he will remain for forty days and forty nights to receive the rest of the Torah.

Parshas Shekalim

The first of the Four Special Shabbatot at this time of year is Parshas Shekalim. The special maftir reading discusses the census that would happen at this time of year in Temple times. Each person would give one half-shekel. The money would be counted, and that would determine the census. And the Torah makes very clear that "the poor person shall not give less, and the rich person shall not give more."

Shabbos / PURIM

Dear Members and Friends,

I am pleased to inform you that based upon guidance from our medical advisors, we will be able to accommodate a total of twenty (20) individuals at Shabbos morning services beginning this coming Shabbos, February 13. On Shabbos mornings we will also begin the use of a brief health-screening questionnaire card with a fold-down tab. Upon entry to the shul, each person will be presented with a card to affirm the questions on the screening form.

With Purim just two weeks away, we are looking forward to a joyous and meaningful Purim. I'm also pleased to inform you that based upon guidance from our medical advisors we will be able to accommodate a total of thirty (30) NHBZ members for each of the Megillah readings. A Megillah reading will take place on Thursday evening, February 26 and Friday morning, February 27. For those wanting to attend our Megillah readings, reservations are a MUST.

Please contact Jeff Miller at jeff@nhbz.org or at 314 991-2100 x 2 to let him know if you would like to attend the evening and / or morning Megillah readings. The reservation deadline is Tuesday, February 23 at 5:00 P.M. We will also have a brief health-screening questionnaire at both of the Purim Megillah-reading services.

We do hope to accommodate all those interested in attending our Megillah readings. In the event that more than 30 individuals pre-register for a Megillah reading, a random selection will be made to determine those who can attend. In the event any members might be unable to attend a Megillah reading due to capacity restrictions, those members will have first priority to attend our other Megillah reading.

Regarding children under the age of 13 (boys) and 12 (girls), we must ask that they be registered only as 'alternates' in the event we do not have 30 registrations for our Megillah readings. Since hearing the Megillah on Purim is a halachic obligation for adults, any adult NHBZ member will have first priority to attend.

We also plan to broadcast both of our Megillah readings by Zoom. If an individual is unable to attend a live Megillah reading, he or she can rely upon the opinion that one can fulfill the mitzvah of hearing the Megillah read by Zoom.

The Purim Seudah (festive meal) can be fulfilled in the morning (Friday), but in any event should be completed by 2:30 P.M. Regarding the mitzvah of Mishloach Manos (gifts of food), one can fulfill the mitzvah by leaving a Mishloach Manos package on a person's porch if it is a safe and secure area and the recipient will receive it on Purim provided that the recipient is made aware of the identity of the giver.

Please keep in mind that the mitzvah of Mishloach Manos only requires the delivery of two separate food or drink items to one person. Therefore, although in most years it is considered

praiseworthy to give Mishloach Manos to many people during this year one may rely upon fulfillment of the essential mitzvah to give Mishloach Manos to one individual.

Matanos L'Evyonim (Tzedaka on Purim Day) can be given in advance to those who will be distributing gifts to the poor on Purim from Matanos L'Evyonim funds. As in past years, I will be distributing Matanos L'Evyonim both locally and through the worthy organization of Od Yosef Chai. If you would like me to be your proxy to distribute Matanos L'Evyonim, please make sure your check arrives at the synagogue no later than Wednesday, February 24. The check should be made out to 'The Rabbi's Fund' with a notation 'for Purim Tzedaka.

Parshas Zachor will be read at shul on Shabbos, February 20. For those not able to attend, hopefully we will all be able to be in shul this summer to listen to Parshas Zachor again at the conclusion of Parshas Ki Teitzei (8/21/2021), at which point someone who did not previously hear it live should have in mind to fulfill the obligation again at that time.

If you have any questions about Purim or any other matter, please feel free to contact me at Pepshort613@gmail.com or 314 749-5271

Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

The Crown Center invites you to:



A Virtual Celebration of Purim Monday, February 15, 3:30 P.M.

We are pleased to welcome back **Rabbi Smason of Nusach Hari B'nai Zion** who will lead an engaging discussion on the Purim holiday on Crown Center's free conference line. The story of Purim commemorates the reversal of fortune recorded in the biblical Book of Esther. All are welcome.

- To register, please call 314-991-2055.
- To participate, call into the free conference line at 314-762-1375.





Join Us For Purim!

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- ▶ **Thursday, Feb 25th** - Ma'ariv only at 6:35 P.M.,
MEGILLA READING at 6:45 P.M.
- ▶ **Friday, Feb 26th** - Shachris at 6:30 and
MEGILLA READING at 7:00 A.M.

**RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED TO
ATTEND THE MEGILLA READING
INSIDE THE SYNAGOGUE.**



**THE READING WILL BE
STREAMED ONLINE**



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The NHBZ Sunday Feb 28th DRIVE THRU PURIM PALOOZA

**11:00 A.M.
UNTIL
2:00 P.M.**



Hamentashen are sponsored
by: Dr. Faye, Brian, & Scott McCary,
in Honor of Jerry & Fran Cohen's 70th 'Platinum' Wedding Anniversary!

- ▶ **Wear a Costume and decorate your Car!**
Drive to Nusach Hari, 650 N. PRICE ROAD, at your designated times
- ▶ **Enjoy Drive Thru Hamantashen and NHBZ Purim Gift Bags**
- ▶ **Get your picture taken in or on your car also visit the Youth Program 'CARNival Station'**
Photo Costume Contest (photos & prize winners will be revealed after, online (<http://nhbz.org>))
- ▶ **Meet and Schmooze with Rabbi Okin and event partners in Tzedeka, 'Shaving Israel'**
- ▶ **And, by popular demand, Fun for the Kids and Everybody ... Mike's Way Cool Balloons!**

**PLEASE DRIVE THRU ACCORDING TO THIS SCHEDULE
SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE A TRAFFIC JAM:**

LAST NAME BEGINS WITH: A - G 11:00-NOON • H - R NOON -1:00 • S - Z 1:00-2:00



THE SISTERHOOD SCOOP

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NHBZ Sisterhood Invites YOU ... to Join Us

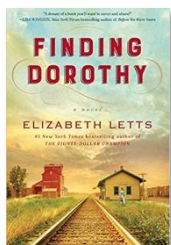
Try our Book Club or Movie Nights ...or help us continue to fund the JFed's 'Passport to Israel' Program for the children of our eligible members, as well as many other Synagogue activities. We are counting on you to **send in your annual dues for 2021. Send your check for \$25** – payable to NHBZ (write 'Sisterhood' in the memo line) or call the office to pay by phone, 314-991-2100, ext. 3.

For more information: email sisterhood@nhbz.org; Or contact **Fran Alper** at 314-993-4024 or fran.alper@outlook.com; or call **Teree Farbstein** at 314-753-5035 or tfarbstein2@gmail.com

We invite you to stay connected... and join us!

Join Sisterhood's Book Club

The February selection is **"Finding Dorothy"** by Elizabeth Letts, a richly imagined novel that tells the story behind *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, the book that inspired the iconic film, through the eyes of author L. Frank Baum's wife, Maud. The



Book Club discussion will be held on Zoom **Monday, February 22, 7:15-8:45pm.**

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Book Club discussions:

- ☐ **April 26 "The Last Kings of Shanghai"** by Jonathan Kaufman - led by Linda Shore
- ☐ **June 28 "People of the Book"** by Geraldine Brook - led by Linda Luks

For more information call **Terri Schnitzer** at 314-518-4107 or email terrischnitzer@yahoo.com to check out the Book Club!

Mishpatim: Inspiring Everyday Life

The name of our parshah is *Mishpatim*, which means "laws." There are several words for "law" in Hebrew. All have a similar meaning, but a slightly different nuance.

Mishpatim, or "judgements," means laws which can easily be understood, such as not to steal and not to kill. In fact, most of the laws in our parshah are of this nature.

Another term--*chukim*, or "statutes"--means laws which cannot be understood by ordinary human intellect. An example of these is the law not to mix milk and meat, which is also written in this parshah. Many times in our history the laws of this kind have presented a challenge to us. In some epochs the non-Jews mocked us for adhering to them. In our own age, governed by rationality, many Jews wonder why they are necessary. Nonetheless, the *chukim* are an important aspect of our bond with G-d.

A third kind of law is called *edut*, "testimony." The command to observe Passover is in this category. We keep this festival as a testimony and a sign of the fact that G-d took us out Egypt. Without the Torah we would not have thought of this law, but now that we have it, it makes sense to us.

It is interesting that the totally miraculous atmosphere of last week's parshah, in which G-d spoke to the entire nation from Mount Sinai, is followed by the comparatively ordinary and down-to-earth laws of this week's parshah, which is aptly called *Mishpatim*. We might have expected a demand for a more intense aspect of our relationship with G-d, such as that expressed in the beyond-rational "statutes" or at least the "testimonies." Why is the emphasis rather on simple laws of justice between man and his fellow?

The answer is that this fact itself helps us understand something about the Torah and its purpose. There is a physical dimension to life: the material world of everyday affairs. There is also a spiritual, Divine dimension, a realm of infinite purity and holiness.

The purpose of the Torah is to join these two dimensions together. Through obedience to the Torah, our normal everyday lives can become an expression of the Divine.

This point is emphasized by the juxtaposition of the two *parshiot*. Last week was the *parshah* which spoke of G-d's revelation. This week is the *parshah* which concerns the everyday, the simple laws which anyone can understand. Due to the power of the Torah, the inspiration of Sinai becomes comprehensible and meaningful on the level of daily life. Through this the two realms are joined.

In the details of the practical world, lived in accordance with the Torah, we discover the Presence of the Divine.

– by **Tali Loewenthal**, www.chabad.org

NHBZ's 115th Anniversary Commemorative Journal is Now Available!



- A hard copy version of the Commemorative Journal, including the NHBZ Membership Directory, is now available. If you purchased an Ad or dedicated a Talmud volume, you may pick up your copy from the Office.
Call Jeff to reserve your Journal: [314-991-2100, ext.2.](tel:314-991-2100)
- The Commemorative Journal is available for viewing online by clicking THIS LINK:
<https://www.nhbz.org/nhbz-115-anniversary-virtual-event/>
- The complete recorded Video of the 115th Anniversary Event is available online. If you were unable to attend the event, you can watch it by clicking THIS LINK:
<https://www.nhbz.org/nhbz-anniversary-virtual-event-january-10-2021/>



*A Program of
the NHBZ Children & Young
Families Committee*

Join the NHBZ Young Family Committee for a fun virtual Trivia Night!

Spend quality time with your family while engaging in friendly competition with other families!

Presidents Day

Monday, February 15, 2021

7 to 8 p.m.

☺ *Teams/Families gather at home and log onto our Zoom and our CrowdPurr.*

(Make sure you mute your mic so you don't share your answers!)

☺ *There will be 15 multiple-choice questions on a wide range of age appropriate topics.*

***The Team with the most correct answers will win a
\$25 giftcard!***

There is no cost for this event.

**Attendance is limited to 20 families so please register for the
Zoom link early! Please RSVP to Rabbi Okin at aviokin@nhbz.org.**



and

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Save the Date!

Join

Adam Blue from **StandWithUs**

and Rabbis Smason and Okin from **NHBZ**

for this timely and important presentation!



What **Purim** Teaches Us about Combatting **Anti-Semitism**

Wednesday, February 17, 2021
7:30 to 8:30 p.m.



Zoom Join the video program click below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/295822730>

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PIZZA NIGHT

Sunday

February 28, 2021

Pick up times 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Carry Out Menu

ALL Pizzas \$14

Your choice of plain cheese, onion, mushrooms and green peppers ~ any combination you wish!

Place orders by noon Friday: email orders preferred to jeff@nhbz.org or as a last resort call 314-991-2100, ext. 2

You can pay online at

[:https://www.nhbz.org/make-a-payment-2/](https://www.nhbz.org/make-a-payment-2/)

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Sunday, March 7, 2021

7:00pm

Join the video program click below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/295822730>



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 connect in 2 ways:

1. *Preferred option* - **Call 312- 626 - 6799** which connects you to the ZOOM audio number and will enable you to participate fully, except for the video. Toll Free.
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.

Join by video: <https://zoom.us/j/136785930>

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

Join by video at: <https://zoom.us/j/99013706617>

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 : <https://zoom.us/j/295822730>

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: <https://zoom.us/j/295822730>

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: <https://zoom.us/j/214068419>

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 at: <https://zoom.us/j/295822730>

February 4 "The Most Important Commandment Is?"

February 11 "What Makes a Mensch?"

February 18 "How to Fix Broken Friendships"

February 24 (Wednesday) Jew-Perstitutions: "Do You Believe in Luck?"

March 4 "What Three Ideas Have Most Shaped Your Life?"



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