



Shabbos Bulletin

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

Affiliated with Union of Orthodox Congregations of America

February 27, 2021 ~ 15 Adar 5781

Candle Lighting 5:32 pm

Shabbos Ends 6:37pm

Parshas Tetzaveh Exodus 27:20 -- 30:10
Haftarah: Ezekiel 43:10-27

Chumash pgs. 464 - 483
Chumash pgs. 1159 - 1160

Julie and Don Eisenberg would like to thank all those who gave their loving support, kindness, tribute cards and food as we mourn the loss of our mother, JoAnn Raskas z'l.

Erev Shabbos, February 26

- Mincha & Ma'ariv ~ 5:30 pm

Shabbos, February 27

- Shabbat Services ~ 9:00 am
- Mincha ~ 5:20 pm

Jewish Thought: How Do I Know That G-d Exists?
Part 2 with Rabbi Avi Okin

- Ma'ariv/Shabbos ends ~ 6:37 pm

Important: Please register to attend Shabbat services. Call 991-2100 ext. 2 or jeff@nhbz.org by 4pm Thursday.

PURIM IS HERE



Davening Times

NEXT 4 DAYS	Wed Feb 24	Thurs ^*	Fri *	Shabbos Feb 27
Shachris	7:00 am	6:45 am	6:30 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv	N/A	5:15 pm	5:30 pm	5:20 pm
Ma'ariv Only	6:45 pm	6:35 pm	N/A	N/A

^Fast of Esther- Thursday, Feb. 25. Fast begins at 5:27am - Fast ends 6:33 pm

*Purim- Thursday night / Friday

NEXT WEEK	Sun Feb 28	Mon Mar 1	Tues Mar 2	Wed Mar 3	Thurs Mar 4	Fri Mar 5	Shabbos Mar 6
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	5:40 pm	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5:40pm	5:25 pm
Ma'ariv Only	N/A	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	N/A	N/A

**Birthdays ~ Tammy Sallis, Hal Rosen, Devy Goldenberg, Victor Tendler
and Shirley Bluestein**

Anniversary~ none

This Week and Beyond

- **PURIM Thursday and Friday February 25-26**

HEAR THE MEGILLAH ON ZOOM:

Thursday Night 6:45 pm

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

Friday Morning 7:00 am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/99013706617>

- **Sunday, February 28 ~ 11:00 am- 2:00 pm ~PURIM PALOOZA DRIVE THROUGH AT NHBZ!** Wear a Costume! Decorate your car. Please see the flyer for details. Thank you to **Dr. Faye, Brian, and Scott McCary** for sponsoring the Hamantashen in celebration of the 70th anniversary of **Jerry and Fran Cohen**.
- **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 14 ~ 7:00 pm ~ Meet Elie Kligman, a top Major League Baseball high school prospect who happens to be... Jewish.** Join us on Zoom. See the flyer.

Vaccine Hunting?

Try this link for more information on where to get vaccinated for Covid 19. [Click here](#)

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 Tetzaveh

This week's portion is a haberdasher's dream. Following on the heels of the elaborate details of the construction of the Mishkan, G-d describes to Moses the special garments which are to be worn by the Kohanim during their service. The ordinary Kohanim would wear four special garments, while four additional vestments were to be worn exclusively by the Kohen Gadol (High Priest). All of these garments were woven and crafted from materials donated by the people. The Torah portion then shifts its attention to G-d's commandments regarding the inauguration ritual for the newly constructed Mishkan, to be performed exclusively by Moses for seven days. The inauguration included Moses' adorning and anointing the Kohanim, and his bringing offerings. On the eighth day, Aaron and his sons would assume their offices as the Kohanim. After then describing the daily offering to be brought in the Mishkan, in the morning and afternoon, the portion concludes with the command to build the last of the Mishkan's structures, the golden altar upon which the incense would be offered twice daily.



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**



WEATHER PERMITTING it's The ...

The NHBZ Sunday Feb 28th DRIVE THRU PURIM PALOOZA

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



Hamentashen are sponsored
by: Faye Cohen, Bryan and 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 enjoy a fun game a 'Haman's Horseshoe Toss'
as Part of a Raffle for Cool Swag!
- ▶ 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



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/>

All food under the supervision of Rabbi Ze'ev Smason



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Who Was Queen Esther, Heroine of the Purim Story?

Queen Esther is the reluctant heroine of the Purim story. Taken to the palace of King Ahasuerus of Persia, she exposed the plot of the evil Haman, who had convinced the king to allow the annihilation of all the Jews in his extensive empire.

Esther is clearly identified as "Esther, who is *Hadassah*." *Hadassah* is Hebrew for myrtle, and the rabbis teach that this name is an indication that her actions were as pleasing as the fragrance of myrtle. Esther, on the other hand, is a Persian name, related to the "morning star." In Hebrew, it is related to the root word for "hidden," as G-d's intervention was hidden throughout the entire turn of events. On the surface, all one sees is a dramatic tale of palace intrigue, but "behind the scenes" every development is intimately guided by His hand.

Doubly orphaned as a young girl, Esther was raised by her cousin Mordechai, a wise and saintly Torah scholar and the leader of the Jewish people.

After king Ahasuerus dismissed his wife Vashti for insubordination agents were sent out to find a replacement and Esther was discovered and taken to the palace against her will. The king was taken by her natural allure and chose her to be his queen consort.

Upon learning of a plot to kill the King, Mordechai told Esther who warned the king, and the coup was thwarted. Later, after Mordechai refused to bow to the new prime minister, Haman asked the King to decree to have all Jews killed on a single day. Mordechai then asked Esther to intercede on behalf of her people. "Who knows?" he urged her. "Perhaps for this very moment, you have been brought to royalty."

Esther agreed to speak to the king, but only if Mordechai and the Jews would fast and pray for three consecutive days. Esther then bravely approached Ahasuerus without prior appointment—an act punishable by death.

When the time was right, Esther revealed her true identity to the king and the threat of annihilation that her people were facing. The king enraged and ordered Haman to be strung up on the very gallows he had prepared for Mordechai.

The king gifted Esther with Haman's mansion, but her mission was not complete. The royal edict regarding the Jews' annihilation remained in effect because the king said it could not be repealed. She wept before the king, and he allowed her and Mordechai to craft whatever legislation necessary to save the Jews. They sent royal decrees to all provinces declaring that the Jews had the right to defend themselves and kill any enemies who rose against them. In Shushan, the capital, there were so many evildoers that Esther requested an extra day for the Jews to ensure that all threats were eliminated, and so it was.

Since then, Jews have celebrated the day they rested from battle (Adar 14 in most places; Adar 15 in Shushan) as Purim, a day of feasting, gift-giving, and celebration.

Esther had the entire turn of events recorded in a scroll (known as Megillat Esther or the Book of Esther), which is read every Purim eve and again on Purim day.

One deeply telling facet of her brilliance is how she prepared to meet the king and beg for the life of her people. She knew that she was entirely at his mercy, yet instead of preening or otherwise working to amplify her charm, she fasted and prayed. Esther knew that as important as it is for us to act, G-d's help is what really matters. With G-d on her side, even an unadorned and weak woman could sway the mind of an all-powerful monarch.

-adapted from **Rabbi Menachem Posner**, www.chabad.org



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Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Presents a Special Program

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Meet Elie Kligman

Balancing the dream of *becoming a Major League Baseball player* while maintaining his *commitment to observing Shabbat*

Sunday, March 14, 2021

7:30pm

Join the video program click below:

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



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Menachem Szus' presentation on:

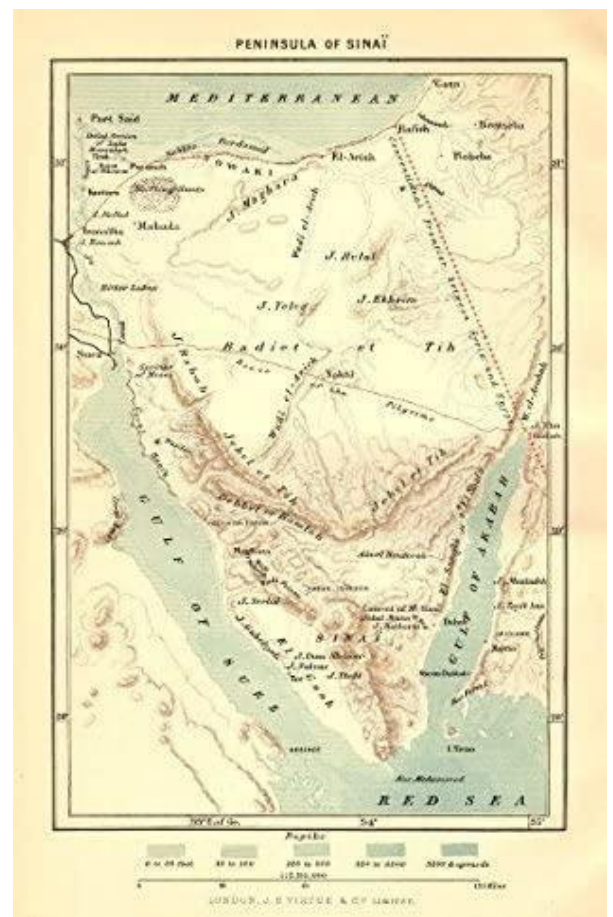


***“Where in the
World is Mt.
Sinai:***

***Alternative ideas of
locating the mountain
where civilization
obtained its basis for a
moral and legal code.”***

Watch here:

[https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=smHh5s9VLjA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smHh5s9VLjA)





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

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



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