



Shabbos Bulletin

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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February 20, 2021 ~ 8 Adar 5781

Candle Lighting 5:25 pm

Shabbos Ends 6:29 pm

Parshas Terumah Exodus 25:1-27:19

Maftir -- Parshas Zachor : Deuteronomy 25: 17-19

Haftorah: 1 Samuel 15: 1-34

Chumash pgs. 444-463

Chumash p. 1066

Chumash pgs. 1214 - 1216

Thank you to **Helayne Levitt** for sponsoring the Shabbat bulletin in celebration of her husband **Ed's** birthday: *"For the best husband a girl could have. Best wishes on reaching a milestone 75th birthday."*

Bryson & Jennifer Hartranft in commemoration of the recent Yahrzeit for 'Our Zeide' Al Izenzon. May his memory be a blessing.

Erev Shabbos, February 19

- Mincha & Ma'ariv ~ 5:25 pm

Shabbos, February 20

- Shabbat Services ~ 9:00 am

- Mincha ~ 5:15 pm

Jewish Thought: "How Do I Know that G-d Exists?"

with Rabbi Avi Okin

- Ma'ariv/Shabbos ends ~ 6:29 pm

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.

PURIM IS COMING!



Davening Times

NEXT 4 DAYS	Wed Feb 17	Thurs Feb 18	Fri Feb 19	Shabbos Feb 20
Shachris	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv	N/A	N/A	5:25 pm	5:15 pm
Ma'ariv Only	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	N/A	N/A

NEXT WEEK	Sun Feb 21	Mon Feb 22	Tues Feb 23	Wed Feb 24	Thurs* [^] Feb 25	Fri * Feb 26	Shabbos Feb 27
Shachris	8:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	6:45 am	6:30 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv	5:30 pm	N/A	N/A	N/A	5:15 pm	5:25 pm	5:15 pm
Ma'ariv Only	N/A	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	6:35 pm	N/A	N/A

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

*Purim- Thursday night / Friday

Birthdays ~ Edward Levitt, Andrew Epstein, Dr. Arnold Brody, Adira Friedman and Karen Zeff
Anniversary~ Jerry & Fran Cohen

This Week and Beyond

Pre-registration to attend the Megillah readings is required by Tuesday Feb. 23rd. Please see Rabbi Smason's letter in this bulletin.

- **Wednesday, February 17 ~ 7:30 pm** ~ Join the presentation: **"What Purim Teaches Us About Combating Anti-Semitism"** with **Adam Blue** from **Stand With Us**, **Rabbi Smason & Rabbi Okin**. On Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/295822730>
- **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
- **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/>

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 Terumah / Zachor

Parshas Terumah begins a series of four out of five portions which discuss in detail the construction of the Mishkan, the traveling Tabernacle which would serve as a 'resting place' for G-d's presence among the Jewish people. This week's portion recounts G-d's description to Moses of how to construct the Mishkan, beginning with a listing of the various precious materials to be collected from the Jewish people for this monumental project. G-d describes the magnificent golden and wooden Ark which would house the tablets of the Ten Commandments, complete with its dazzling cover depicting two cherubim (angels with faces of children) facing each other. Next, G-d provides Moses with the blueprints of the shulchan (holy table) upon which the lechem hapanim (showbread) would be placed each week. Following the description of the pure golden menorah which was to be hammered from one large piece of gold, G-d describes the structure of the Mishkan itself. It contained splendidly woven and embroidered covers, curtains and partitions, and the sturdy outer walls. The Torah portion concludes with instructions for the copper altar and the Mishkan's large outer courtyard.

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.

This Shabbos we have a special, additional Torah reading, Parshas Zachor. That text (Devarim, 25: 17-19) teaches us the mitzva to remember to wipe out Amalek.



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StandWithUs

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 Combating ***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>

There is no cost for this event..



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: 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

Shabbos / PURIM

Dear Members and Friends,

I am pleased to inform you that based upon guidance from our medical advisors, we recently began able to accommodate a total of twenty (20) individuals at Shabbos morning services. 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 around the corner, 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

GrandPads!

St. Louis County Library is expanding the Digital Equity Initiative to help underserved older adults access technology and stay connected to loved ones during the COVID-19 pandemic. Starting February 10, older adults can apply to receive a GrandPad tablet for one year. The application deadline is February 28, 2021.

- Intended for use by older adults age 75+. GrandPad applications will only be accepted through the [online application form](#).
- GrandPad applications may be completed by someone other than the applicant on behalf of the applicant. Supplies are limited.

For more information visit the following website <https://www.slcl.org/using-the-library/grandpads>

MINYAN PRAYER IS A MITZVAH

Shalom,

Our shul is first and foremost our house of prayer, teffilah. We are obligated to daven thrice daily, come rain, shine, hail, snow.

Minyan praying facilitates many prayers which can only be uttered as a congregation. Those include the reading of Torah, the stating of Barchu, the saying of Kedusha and of course, the Kaddish.

Lacking a minyan, we void ourselves of fulfilling these mitzvot.

All should know that since the beginning of COVID-19 conditions, our shul has continued to hold daily and Shabbat and yom tov minyanim, with almost no interruptions. These are conducted within the current medical parameters.

We thank our group of very dedicated men, who have made this possible and those ladies who come on shabbat.

There are various reasons put forward for not attending minyan, including the current COVID-19 situation. Recently, they excavated a hiding room in what was the Warsaw ghetto. They found 10 sets of teffilin, leading to the easy conclusion that those hiding there were conducting regular minyanim, under the human-devil conditions of the Nazis.

If those Yidden were prepared to risk their lives on a daily basis to fulfill the mitzvah of teffila b'tzibur (public prayer), surely, we can participate in responsibly conducted minyanim.

I am asking each able-bodied man of our congregation to present themselves to our Gabbi, Alan Zarkowsky, to commit to attending the minyanim and for inclusion in the regular minyan roster for a few times a week.

Rav todot, with great attention to performing this mitzvah.

Onwards and upwards.

Menachem Szus, NHBZ Board President

P.S. Contact Alan via avzark@aol.com or 314-805-1896

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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

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All food under the supervision of Rabbi Ze'ev Smason



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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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