



Shabbos Bulletin

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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March 13, 2021 ~ 29 Adar 5781

Candle Lighting 5:47 pm

Shabbos Ends 6:51 pm

Parshas Vayakhel--Pekudei Exodus 35:1 -- 40:38
Maftir: HaChodesh: Exodus 12:1-20
Haftorah: Ezekiel 45:18 - 46:15

Chumash pages 516 - 541
Chumash pages 348 - 355
Chumash pages 1218 - 1219

Erev Shabbos, March 12

- Mincha & Ma'ariv ~ 5:45 pm

Shabbos, March 13

- Shabbat Services ~ 9:00 am
- Mincha ~ 5:35 pm

Jewish Thought: **"Who is God? Part 2"**
with Rabbi Avi Okin

- Ma'ariv/Shabbos ends ~ 6:51 pm



➡ **IMPORTANT Notice:** NHBZ now has capacity for 30 individuals on Shabbat services which will now will be 2.5 hours. If you wish to attend Shabbat services it is mandatory that you sign up. Call 991-2100 ext. 2 or email jeff@nhbz.org by 4pm Thursday.

Davening Times

NEXT 4 DAYS	Wed Mar 10	Thurs Mar 11	Fri Mar 12	Shabbos Mar 13
Shachris	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv	N/A		5:45 pm	5:35 pm
Ma'ariv Only	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	N/A	N/A

NEXT WEEK	Sun* Mar 14	Mon Mar 15	Tues Mar 16	Wed Mar 17	Thurs Mar 18	Fri Mar 19	Shabbos Mar 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	6:50 pm	6:50 pm	6:50 pm	6:50 pm	6:50 pm	6:50 pm	6:40 pm

*Rosh Chodesh Nisan

Daylight Saving Times begins Sunday, March 15- spring forward one hour!

Birthdays ~ none

Anniversary~ Rabbi Ze'ev & Chani Smason, Dr. Ram & Sallie Volotzky, David & Lisa Gellman and Menachem & Linda Szus

This Week and Beyond

- **Wednesday, March 10 ~ 7:30 pm ~ Join Rabbi Smason for an important presentation on:**
"Erev Pesach Occurs On Shabbos: How Do We Prepare?"
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/295822730>
- **Sunday, March 14 ~ 7:00 pm ~ Meet Elie Kligman, a top Major League Baseball high school prospect who happens to be... Jewish.**
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/295822730>
- **Wednesday, Mar 17 ~ 7:30 pm ~ Dr. Isaac Amon will present a fascinating program titled:**
"For the Benefit of Their Souls: The Iberian Inquisition, Crypto-Jews, and an Age of Global Persecution."
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/295822730>
- **Sunday, March 21 ~ Pre Pesach-Carry Out Pizza Night ~ 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, March 19th by calling 991-2100 Ext 2 or emailing jeff@nhbz.org pay online <https://www.nhbz.org/make-a-payment-2/>
- **Wednesday, April 7 ~ Join NHBZ for a Yom HaShoah program entitled "Voices of the Generations"** presented by author, **Julie Kohner**. A time for this program will follow.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8PbuDSynflU&feature=em-upload_owne

Pesach begins Motzei Shabbos / Saturday evening, March 27. Included in this bulletin is a form for selling your chametz to Rabbi Smason.

Join Rabbi Okin and young men from all over St. Louis for Torah and Camaraderie **Thursday Nights from 8-8:30 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>

NHBZ Young Families with Rabbi Okin

This Shabbos – CHILLZONE – see flyer

3/21- Join us for a Pre-Passover "FAKE BAKE"

3/28- Pesach in the Park

4/4- Pesach in the Park

Parshas Vayakhel--Pekudei

This week we read the final portion of Exodus, a book which began with the Jewish people enslaved to Pharaoh in Egypt and now ends with the completion of the construction of the Mishkan (Tabernacle) in the desert. Exodus is known as 'the Book of Redemption'; redemption was achieved not only through our escape from slavery, but also through receiving the Torah on Mt. Sinai which gave purpose to that freedom. The climax of that salvation was when G-d rested His presence amongst the Jewish nation when the Mishkan was completed.

Parshas Vayakhel (Exodus 35:1 -- 38:20)

begins with Moses assembling the entire nation of Israel to transmit the details of the construction and fabrication of the Mishkan as described in the three previous Torah portions. However, Moses first cautions them about the fundamental mitzvah to observe Shabbat. The nation is reminded

that although the construction of the Mishkan is of transcendent importance, it does not take precedence over the weekly observance of Shabbat. The portion describes that the Jewish people came forward with their generous contributions for the Mishkan's construction, producing a surplus of supplies. The craftsmen are selected and the building begins.

Parshas Pekudei (Exodus 38:21 -- 40:38) begins with a complete accounting of the gold, silver and copper contributed by the people for use in the Mishkan. Following Moses' inspection and approval of the many utensils and unassembled parts, Moses sets up the Mishkan on Rosh Chodesh Nissan as each part is anointed and arranged in its proper location. And as G-d promised, His glory fills the Mishkan.



Shabbos HaChodesh

Shabbos HaChodesh ("Sabbath [of the] month" **שבת החודש**) precedes the first of the Hebrew month of Nisan during which Pesach is celebrated. Exodus 12:1-20 and the laws of Pesach are read as the maftir aliyah, along with a special haftorah. On the first day of Nisan, Hashem presented the first commandment of how to "sanctify the new moon" (kiddush hachodesh) for the onset of Rosh Chodesh and thus Nisan becomes the first month of the Jewish year (counting by months). This special reading helps to prepare us for Pesach.



Selling Chametz Pesach 2021

Dear Members and Friends,

The challenging situation of the Covid-19 requires a modification in the way we will be able to sell our chametz this year. Unlike previous years where you could personally meet with Rabbi Smason and then designate him as your *shliach* (proxy) to sell your chametz, current circumstances require the chametz sale to be conducted by email or regular (snail) mail.

Below, please find a form authorizing Rabbi Smason to be your *shliach* (proxy) to sell your chametz for Pesach, this year to begin on the evening of March 27 and conclude on the evening of April 4.

Your authorization form MUST be in Rabbi Smason's possession no later than 3:00 P.M. Thursday, March 26. If you plan on sending the form by regular mail, please allow sufficient time for its arrival to the NHBZ office no later than Wednesday, March 25.

It is customary to offer an honorarium the Rabbi for this service. If you choose to do so, then payments should be made by cash or by check directly to Rabbi Smason.

If you have any questions about the process of the sale of chametz, don't hesitate to contact Rabbi Smason by email (Pepshort613@gmail.com) or phone (314 749-5271)

Date _____

I / We appoint Rabbi Ze'ev Smason to be my/our agent in regard to the sale of *CHAMETZ* prior to Passover, and subsequent re-purchase after Passover, if possible. This agency is bound by the dictates of *Halacha* and all necessary qualifications to ensure that this agency and sales, purchases and rentals enacted thereby meet these requirements are deemed to be part of this agreement.

Reference is made to the standard *SHTAR HARSHA'AH* in this regard. Included in this agency is the right to appoint further agents and to rent/sell real and personal property as need be to ensure that the *HALACHIC* concerns in regard to *chametz* on Passover are met.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Signatures _____



THE SISTERHOOD SCOOP

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NHBZ Sisterhood is counting on you to send in your annual dues for 2021.



Send your check for \$25 – payable to **NHBZ** or call the office to pay by phone: 314-991-2100, ext. 3.

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

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



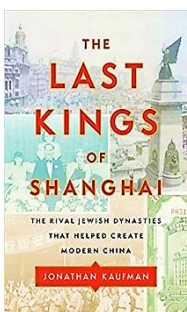
"This one's called 'Pesach Cleaning'."



"Mom said this is the only place we're allowed to eat chometz."

Sisterhood's Book Club News

The next Book Club meeting will be **Mon., April 26, 7:15-8:45pm.**, on Zoom, to discuss **"The Last Kings of Shanghai"** by Jonathan Kaufman, a multigenerational story of two rival dynasties who flourished in Shanghai and Hong Kong as twentieth-century China surged into the modern era. Linda Shore will lead the discussion.



Mark your calendars for these upcoming Book Club discussions:

- ☐ **June 28 "People of the Book"** by Geraldine Brook - led by Linda Luks
- ☐ **Aug. 23 "Florence Adler Swims Forever"** by Rachel Beanland - led by Faith Waxman

For more information or to get the Zoom link call **Terri Schnitzer** at 314-518-4107 or email terrischnitzer@yahoo.com

Vayakhel-Pekudei:

The Sanctuary's Two Names

The Sanctuary is known by two names, each with a distinct connotation essential to understanding the nature of the Sanctuary. *Mishkan* is the "dwelling-place," and *Mikdash* is the "sanctity." That these terms are complementary, it has been noted, is indicated in the passage, "They shall make me a *sanctity* and I shall *dwell* among them."

The Sanctuary is both the instrument and symbol of G-dliness in this material world and its affairs, a repudiation of G-d's-in-His-heaven aloof from this world. But of His own accord He does not make Himself evident; He will be seen only by those who look. A tree may be merely a tree, or it may be the handiwork of G-d with all that phrase implies, depending on the viewer. Our personal joys and tragedies may be quite accidental, or the hand of Providence guiding men's fate; again, the choice is ours. Every facet of existence can reveal G-d, if we will it. Thus, the Sanctuary symbolizes His presence in everything.

The terms *dwelling-place* and *sanctity* refer to G-d and to Israel. G-d makes His abode in what man sanctifies. Therefore, the Torah insists on the use of physical objects in the ritual. Wool cloth becomes an instrument of fulfilling G-d's will when it becomes a *talit*. Animal skin is endowed with spirituality, it acquires new qualities, when it becomes *tefillin*, a *mezuzah*, a Torah scroll. All our affairs, however lowly and mundane, however seemingly devoid of soul and religious potency, if only conducted according to Torah, sanctified, create a dwelling-place for G-dliness.

— by **Rabbi Zalman I. Posner**, www.chabad.org

Here For The Community

More information about Sharsheret coming soon!

Sharsheret Supports STL
changes lives of women and families through support. Sharsheret saves lives of men and women through hereditary cancer education.



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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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FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE

Dedicate a Seder of the Talmud

The Talmud Dedication Project that was part of the 2020 Anniversary Event was a widely supported and very successful project that we can all be proud of. All 74 volumes were dedicated, and while we had three very generous Seder dedications, **three still remain open**. Before we “close the books” on the “food for thought” program, we are offering a final opportunity for you to help complete our dedication project. The following Sedarim are available:

Zaraim (Agriculture in Israel - 2 volumes)

Kodashim (Concepts of Holiness – 16 volumes)

Taharot (Concepts of Spiritual Purity – 2 volumes)

We welcome you to dedicate Seder Kodashim for a donation of \$3600. Zaraim and Taharot are very small, so we are offering a dedication of both for \$1800. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Thanks to the following who each generously dedicated a complete Seder of the Talmud
Nancy & Jason Rush ~ Julie & Don Eisenberg ~ Denny & Amy Feit

Thanks to the following individuals and organizations who dedicated one or more volumes.

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Join us for a Pre-
Passover

"FAKE BAKE"

A Program of
the NHBZ Children & Young
Families Committee

*Here is a secret: Matzo doesn't naturally come in a box.
There is more to Passover—and Matzos---that meets the eye*

*Join Young Families
as we get in the Pesach Mood
with this experiential and fun learning session!*

*Spend quality time with your family and Rabbi Okin while learning "hands on" on
the **how** and **why** matzo is made!*

Sunday, March 21, 2021
12 to 1 p.m.

- ☺ *Families gather outdoors (weather permitting) at socially distanced tables outfitted with all the ingredients and tools to make "fake" matzos---matzos that don't meet all the requirements of a kosher for passover matzo*
- ☺ *While each family works to create their own matzo, Rabbi Okin will share age appropriate Pesach messages that are sure to enhance your Seder*
- ☺ *While we won't be able to eat these matzos on Passover, we will be "nourished" by the lessons we share*

There is no cost for this event.

Attendance is limited so please register early!

Please RSVP to Rabbi Okin at aviokin@nhbz.org.

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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 8:15 pm (Sun 9:15 pm) .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: 3:00- 3:30 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. 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>

5. 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>

NHBZ Online Classes (cont.)

6. 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>

March 11 "Good Talk: How to Design Conversations That Matter"

March 18 "Habits for Happiness: 5 Steps for Living Your Happiest Life"

March 25 "What Does Freedom Mean to You?"

April 1 "What Does Pesach Teach Us About Raising Children?"

April 8 "What Makes You Feel Loved?"



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