



Shabbos Bulletin

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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March 6, 2021 ~ 22 Adar 5781

Candle Lighting 5:40 pm

Shabbos Ends 6:44 pm

Parshas Ki Sisa: Exodus 30:11 -- 34:35
Maftir Parshas Parah: Numbers 19:1-22
Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:18-36

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Thank you to our bulletin sponsors:

Reuven & Margo Tzadok: in memory of Haviv and Miriam Tzadok z'l, Reuven's parents, and Margo's mother, Shirley Langfeld z'l, We would also like to honor **Rabbi Smason's** return to the brick and mortar synagogue!

Gary & Trudy Sudin: In celebration of their 45th anniversary, Mazel tov!

We welcome Rabbi Ze'ev Smason back to the minyan! The Rabbi and Rebbetzin were blessed to have received both doses of the vaccine and look forward to a return to shul life with everyone very soon.

Erev Shabbos, March 5

- Mincha & Ma'ariv ~ 5:40 pm

Shabbos, March 6

- Shabbat Services ~ 9:00 am

- Mincha ~ 5:25 pm

Jewish Thought: *"Who is G-d?"* with Rabbi Avi Okin



- Ma'ariv/Shabbos ends ~ 6:44 pm

➡ **IMPORTANT Notice:** Please sign up to Attend Shabbos morning Services. Call 991-2100 ext. 2 or email jeff@nhbz.org by 4pm Thursday.

Davening Times

NEXT 4 DAYS	Wed Mar 3	Thurs Mar 4	Fri Mar 5	Shabbos Mar 6
Shachris	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv	N/A		5:40 pm	5:25 pm
Ma'ariv Only	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	N/A	N/A

NEXT WEEK	Sun Mar 7	Mon Mar 8	Tues Mar 9	Wed Mar 10	Thurs Mar 11	Fri Mar 12	Shabbos Mar 13
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	5:45 pm	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5:45 pm	5:35 pm
Ma'ariv Only	N/A	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	N/A	N/A

Birthdays ~ Janet Haber and Pearl Figus

**Anniversary~ Gary & Trudy Sudin, Andy & Betty Epstein,
Evan Garmaise & Dr. Melissa Schapiro**

This Week and Beyond

Alert: Rabbi Smason's Zoom Classes: Some class times will change beginning next week. Please see the zoom class page in the back of the bulletin for details.

- **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/>

Pesach begins Saturday night / Motzei Shabbos, March 27

- ***Included in this bulletin is a form for selling your chametz to Rabbi Smason.***
- The Vaad Hoeir 2021/5781 Pesach guide is now available at: <https://ovkosher.org/pesach2021/>
- **Pesach schedule and more Pesach-related information next week.**

Join Rabbi Okin and young men from all over St. 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>

Vaccine Hunting?

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

Parshas Ki Sisa

The portion begins with G-d's command to Moses to take a census by collecting an equal contribution of a half-shekel coin from every adult male between the ages of 20 and 60, with the profits going to the Mishkan (Tabernacle). G-d designates Betzalel, of the tribe of Judah, and Oholiav, of the tribe of Dan, to supervise the upcoming construction of the Mishkan. The mitzvah of Shabbat is then

repeated to caution the nation that even the construction of the Mishkan does not supersede the observance of the weekly day of rest. The Torah returns to the narrative of the Revelation at Mt. Sinai and describes the horrible sin of the golden calf. G-d relents to Moses' prayer that the Children of Israel should be spared from annihilation for this great transgression, and Moses descends from the mountain with the two tablets of the Ten Commandments in hand. Upon witnessing a small segment of the population dancing around the golden calf, Moses smashes the tablets and burns the idol, initiating the process of repentance. Moses again ascends the mountain to pray to G-d that the Jewish people should be forgiven and regain their status as the chosen people. Moses eventually returns with the second set of tablets and a renewed covenant with G-d, his face radiant as a result of the Divine experience.



Parshas Parah

Numbers 19:1-22 is read on the Shabbos following Purim. These verses deal with the Red Heifer used in the spiritual purification process at the time of the Holy Temple. This issue is important at this season of the year, since in looking forward to Passover, every Jew is careful to maintain spiritual purity in order to partake in the holiday offerings. Many authorities regard this reading as a Torah precept.

NHBZ Young Families

Every Motzei Shabbos - CHILLZONE

(see Flyer)

Mar 21- Pre-Pesach Event

Mar 28- Pesach Event

Purim Palooza Raffle Results

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this past Sunday's **Purim Palooza** such a big success! It was great to see you in person and I look forward to when, hopefully soon, we can be together as a group. My hope is that as things open up I will have a greater chance to meet you and your family on a more personal level.

Congratulations to our Haman Horseshoe Raffle Winners:

Edmundo Del.Castillo -Diamond Head Ukulele

Adrian H.- \$25 Target Gift Card

Talia Shifren- Box of Chocolate Candy

Special thanks to Mark Ragin for donating the Ukulele and the Target Gift Card!



The following have made NHBZ tributes during February

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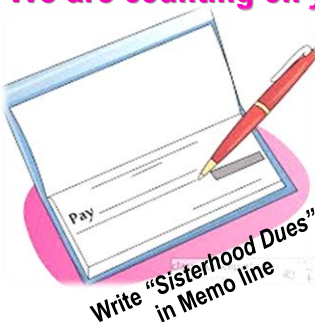
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March 6, 2021

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...and 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 or call the office to pay by phone, 314-991-2100, ext. 3.



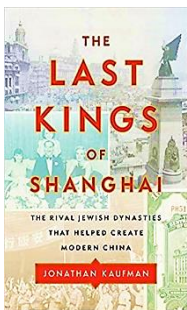
For more information: email sisterhood@nhbz.org; Or contact **Fran Alper** at 314-993-4024 or fran.alper@outlook.com; or call **Teree Farbstein** at 314-753-5035 or tfarbstein2@gmail.com

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

Sisterhood's Book Club News

We thank Trudy Sudin for leading the lively discussion of "Finding Dorothy" by Elizabeth Letts for our February Book Club on February 22nd.

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

Parshah Parah: Deeply Ingrained

Following the holiday of Purim, preparations for Passover begin in earnest. At home, 'Operation Chametz-Free House' kicks into high gear. At the synagogue, we supplement the weekly Torah readings with special Pre-Passover readings. This week the "Parah" reading (Numbers 19) details the laws of the "Red Heifer" and the process by which a person made ritually impure by contact with a dead body was purified. When the Holy Temple stood in Jerusalem, every Jew had to be in a state of ritual purity in time for the bringing of the Pesach offering in the Temple. Today, though we're unable to fulfill the Temple-related rituals in practice, we fulfill them spiritually by studying their laws in the Torah.

This week's special Torah reading begins with *Zot chukat hatorah*, "This is the decree of the Torah". The word *chok*, "decree," literally means to engrave. Engraving entails strenuous efforts in order to achieve the desired result. Once achieved, the results are "set in stone" and very hard to remove.

Our approach to life and to the Torah should be in a manner of *chok*, of engraving. It is not enough for it to be the cherry on the pie, a nice book with some cute ideals in it. For our Judaism to operate effectively, to change us and to affect us, it has to be engraved deep within. Our Judaism must be something which is instantly recognizable, deeply embedded within us and not something which can be separated.

By fusing everything together, we are able to proceed beyond our own limitations and truly internalize the lessons that we are learning from our heritage. In this way we become one with the Torah, with our roots, with G-d Himself, in a deeply ingrained manner which cannot be uprooted. —adapted from **Rabbi Mordechai Wollenberg**, 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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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>



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 make a donation when arranging the chametz sale. Checks can be made out to NHBZ with "Chametz sale" in the memo line.

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 _____



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/)

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 8:15 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. Sunday- Wednesday at 7:15 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>

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

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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