



# Shabbos Bulletin

## Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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March 20, 2021 ~ 7 Nisan 5781

Candle Lighting 6:54 pm

Shabbos Ends 7:58 pm

Parshas Vayikra 1:1 -- 5:26  
Haftarah: Isaiah 43:21 - 44:23

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*Geraldine Bressler z'l.*

### Erev Shabbos, March 19

- Mincha & Ma'ariv ~ 6:50 pm

### Shabbos, March 20

- Shabbat Services ~ 9:00 am
- Mincha ~ 6:40 pm

Jewish Thought: "The Insider's Perspective- How We Know What We Know About God ?"  
with Rabbi Avi Okin

- Ma'ariv/Shabbos ends ~ 7:58 pm



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

## Davening Times

NEXT 4 DAYS	Wed Mar 17	Thurs Mar 18	Fri Mar 19	Shabbos Mar 20
Shachris	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:50 pm	6:50 pm	6:50 pm	6:40 pm

NEXT WEEK	Sun Mar 21	Mon Mar 22	Tues Mar 23	Wed Mar 24	Thurs Mar 25	Fri Mar 26	*Shabbos Mar 27
Shachris	8:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:55 pm	6:55 pm	6:55 pm	6:55 pm	6:55 pm	6:55 pm	6:50 pm

\*Erev Pesach

**Birthdays ~ Jackie Gitel, Jerry Cohen, Alan Zarkowsky, Marcia Lyons and Alla Yasinev**

**Anniversary~ Linda & Norman Shore, Stanley & Rhonnie Goldfader and  
Happy 70<sup>th</sup> to Ron & Ina Makovsky!**

### **This Week and Beyond**

- **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 19<sup>th</sup> by calling 991-2100 Ext 2 or emailing [jeff@nhbz.org](mailto:jeff@nhbz.org) pay online <https://www.nhbz.org/make-a-payment-2/>
- **Sunday, March 21 Pre-Pesach Fake Bake- 12-1pm** Join friends and family in the NHBZ parking lot for a fun activity making "matzah" and learning about Pesach. Please RSVP to Rabbi Okin at [aviokin@nhbz.org](mailto:aviokin@nhbz.org) . See the flyer below for more details.
- **Sunday, March 28/ 1st Day of Pesach- 2-3pm** Join friends and family in Zeid Park for a fun game of Pesach-themed Bingo. Please RSVP to Rabbi Okin at [aviokin@nhbz.org](mailto:aviokin@nhbz.org) . See the flyer below for more details.
- **Sunday, April 4/ Last Day of Pesach- 2-3pm** Join friends and family in Zeid Park for a fun game of Pesach-themed Bingo. Please RSVP to Rabbi Okin at [aviokin@nhbz.org](mailto:aviokin@nhbz.org) . See the flyer below for more details.
- **Wednesday, April 7 ~ 7:30 pm~ Join NHBZ for a Yom HaShoah program entitled "Voices of the Generations"** presented by author, **Julie Kohner**. Join the program: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/295822730>

**Pesach begins Motzei Shabbos / Saturday evening, 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 for download at: <https://ovkosher.org/pesach2021/>

**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>

## **Parshas Vayikra**

This Shabbos marks the beginning of our reading the third book of the Torah, Sefer Vayikra which deals primarily with the services and responsibilities of the Kohanim. This week's portion focuses on many of the korbanos (offerings) to be brought in the newly-constructed Mishkan. Parshas Vayikra begins with G-d calling Moses into the Mishkan where he will receive many relevant mitzvos to be ultimately passed on to the Jewish people. The first half of the Torah portion describes the various optional korbanos brought by individuals. They can be classified into three general categories, each one comprised of several gradations in size and expense; the korban olah (elevation offering) which is completely consumed on the altar; the korban mincha (meal offering) which, because of its inexpensive contents is usually brought by someone of modest means; and the korban shelamim (peace offering) partially burned on the altar, with the remainder divided between the owners and the Kohanim. The second half of the portion (beginning with chapter four) discusses the required chatos (sin) and asham (guilt) offerings to be brought as atonement for unintentional transgressions.

## **Jewish National Fund-USA Invites You To**

### **Breakfast for Israel**

*You, me, & Israel at 73!*

### **Missouri & Kansas**

**Sunday, April 18, 2021**

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm (CT)

Join us for an engaging, impactful, and informative virtual Breakfast for Israel — Fauda style! Gather with your community to hear how your local efforts ensure a bright, prosperous future for the land and people of Israel, and Jewish people everywhere. Then, join Jewish National Fund-USA supporters from coast to coast in a vibrant celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut, where you'll hear from Fauda celebs, Tsahi Halevi (Naor) and Rona-Lee Shimon (Nurit) in a fascinating conversation moderated by Yoav Limor, a veteran military correspondent, the host of a morning show on Israel's Channel 2 Keshet, a defense commentator, and a contributor on i24 News.

**Register** at: <https://secure.jnf.org/site/Ticketing?view=Tickets&id=41977>

# **NHBZ Pesach Schedule 2021**

## **Thursday, March 25**

Shacharis: .....7:00 am  
 Siyum for First Born Following Shacharis: At  
 shul and on Zoom (Link below)  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82887110722>

Mincha/Ma'ariv ..... 6:55 pm  
 Bedikas Chametz (Search) After .....8:03 pm  
 The beracha and kol chamira are recited.

## **Friday, March 26**

Shacharis:.....7:00 am  
 Biur Chametz (Burning of Chametz): by 12:06 pm  
 Mincha/ Ma'ariv.....6:55 pm  
 Candle Lighting Erev Shabbos.....7:00 pm

## **Shabbos March 27, Erev Pesach**

Shacharis.....7:00 am  
**Sermon by Rabbi Okin**  
 Finish Eating Chametz..... by 11:02 am  
 Bitul Chametz (Annuling) .....by 12:04 pm  
 Mincha/Maariv .....6:50 pm  
 Shiur by **Rabbi Okin** "Seder Matzah and  
 Seizing Our Opportunities"  
 Candle Lighting Yom Tov .....8:05 pm  
 First Seder .....after 8:05 pm

## **Sunday, March 28 , 1st Day of Pesach**

Shacharis .....9:00 am  
**Sermon by Rabbi Smason**  
 Mincha/Maariv .....7:00 pm  
 Shiur by **Rabbi Smason**: "The Four Faces of  
 Freedom"  
 Candle Lighting & 2<sup>nd</sup> Seder after.... 8:06 pm

## **Monday, March 30, 2nd Day of Pesach**

Shacharis.....9:00 am  
**Sermon by Rabbi Okin**  
 Mincha .....7:00 pm  
 Shiur by **Rabbi Okin** "Learning How to Grow  
 from Counting the Omer"  
 Yom Tov Concludes .....8:07 pm

## **Tuesday - Friday, March 30- April 2** **Chol Hamoed**

Shacharis .....6:45 am  
 Mincha/Maariv.....7:00 pm

## **Wednesday, March 31**

**Yizkor on Zoom** (link below) ..... **5:30 pm**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86481064502>

## **Friday, April 2, Chol Hamoed -Erev Yom Tov**

Mincha/Maariv.....7:00 pm  
 Candle Lighting Erev Yom Tov .....7:07 pm

## **Shabbos, April 3, 7th Day of Pesach**

Shacharis .....9:00 am  
**Sermon by Rabbi Smason**  
 Mincha/Maariv.....6:55 pm  
 Shiur by **Rabbi Okin** "Stopping to Smell the  
 Roses"  
 Candle Lighting Shabbos/Yom Tov.... 8:12 pm

## **Sunday, April 4, 8th Day of Pesach (Yizkor)**

Shacharis .....9:00 am  
**Sermon by Rabbi Smason**  
**Yizkor** .....10:30 am  
 Mincha .....7:10 pm  
 Pesach Concludes.....8:13 pm

**Important Note: before eating chometz,**  
*you must wait for at least one hour after  
 Pesach concludes, until 9:13 pm, so that the  
 rabbis have time to buy back your chametz &  
 until pesach utensils are put away.*





# PIZZA NIGHT

## Pre Pesach

**Our biggest pizza night of the year!**  
**Orders Limited to the first 50 cooked pizzas**

## Sunday

## March 21, 2021

**Pick up times 3:33 pm – 5:30 pm**

### Carry Out Menu

**ALL Cooked Pizzas \$14**

**Uncooked \$12**

**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](mailto: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***



**Nusach Hari B'nai Zion**  
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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](mailto:aviokin@nhbz.org).



# 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](mailto:sisterhood@nhbz.org), Or call Fran Alper at 314-993-4024, [fran.alper@outlook.com](mailto:fran.alper@outlook.com); or Teree Farbstein at 314-753-5035 or [tfarbstein2@gmail.com](mailto:tfarbstein2@gmail.com)

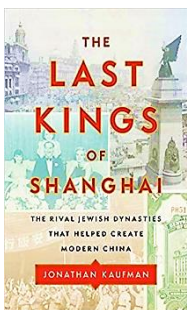
**We invite you to stay connected... and join us!**

### Thoughts on Pesach

Pesach is the oldest and most transformative story of hope ever told. It tells of how an otherwise undistinguished group of slaves found their way to freedom from the greatest and longest-lived empire of their time, indeed of any time. It tells the revolutionary story of how the supreme Power intervened in history to liberate the supremely powerless. It is a story of the defeat of probability by the force of possibility. It defines what it is to be a Jew; a living symbol of hope. – RabbiSacks.org

### 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](mailto:terrischnitzer@yahoo.com)

## Pesach Kashering Safety Tips

### Hagolah: Dipping in Boiling Water



Hagolah is used for items such as silverware, pots, silver kiddush cups.

- Never stick your hands into a pot of boiling water.
- Never leave a pot of boiling water unattended.
- Never allow children near a pot of boiling water.

### Iruy: Pouring Boiling Water



Iruy is used for counters and sinks.

- One should not boil water in foil pans or other containers that are not specifically made for boiling water.
- Easiest and safest to use a tea kettle to pour water on each part of the surface.
- Be cautious about where the poured water will go once poured.
- Ensure you are wearing safe apparel, including waterproof apron and shoes.
- Use gloves that are heat-resistant and waterproof.

### Oven Kashering



- Use gloves when handling oven cleaners
- Ensure area is properly ventilated
- Keep chemicals out of reach of children
- Never leave oven unattended during koshering (high temperatures)
- Never allow children to play near an oven that is on
- Do not use a blow torch unless you are trained to do so
- There is potential risk of fire during the self-clean process, especially if there is a build-up of grease on the bottom of the oven
- If placing foil over the oven backsplash, do not cover oven vent.



A Program of  
the NHBZ Children & Young  
Families Committee



Join friends and family  
in Zeid Park  
with Rabbi Avi Okin



for a fun Pesach-themed Bingo game  
in the beautiful spring afternoon!

Sunday, March 28, 2021  
(First Day of Passover)  
2 to 3 p.m.

☺ We would love to see you as we slowly and safely come out of seclusion. (Social Distancing measures will be in place.)

There is no cost for this event.

Please RSVP to Rabbi Okin at [aviokin@nhbz.org](mailto:aviokin@nhbz.org) if you are planning to attend





## **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 8:15 am ~ Rabbi Smason will discuss the “Haftorah of the Week”**

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

**4. Every Monday at 7:45 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?"



### Do you shop on Amazon?

Sign up for Amazon Smile, and .5% of your qualified purchase will be donated back to the NHBZ.

### How it works:

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4. Select "Nusach Hari-Bnai Zion Congregation"
5. Start shopping! Every time you shop, sign into [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), and you will earn funds for Nusach Hari.



### **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 \_\_\_\_\_



# Julie Kohner

## VOICES OF THE GENERATIONS



*As a way of remembering it is important not to forget how the human race has allowed injustice and depravation to target specific ethnic or religious peoples. If we look back into our own past, it is possible to find that such discrimination has come into our lives or the lives of our families.*

Julie Kohner is the daughter of a Holocaust survivor. In 1990 she created *Voices of the Generations* as a way to preserve and share the memories of Holocaust survivor stories. Julie's mother, Hanna Kohner, survived four concentration camps including Auschwitz. She passed away in 1990.

Since then it has been Julie's passion to tell her mother's unique story of love overcoming evil against the backdrop of World War II Europe. Her experience was also the basis for an early 1950's television program, the first to tell a survivor's story.

Julie hopes that people of all ages, ethnic and religious backgrounds will be moved and inspired by her mother's story and the stories of other survivors and their children, known as second generation. **This will keep the memory alive.**

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*Voices of the Generations, Inc.* is a non-profit organization with a mission to bear witness as a second generation. In as little as ten years there may no longer be a Holocaust survivor to share their stories in person.