



NHBZ Weekly News

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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August 28, 2021 • 20 Elul 5781 • Candle Lighting 7:19 pm • Shabbos Concludes 8:21 pm

Parshas Ki Savo
Haftorah

Deuteronomy 26:1 - 29:8
Isaiah 60: 1 – 22

Stone Chumash pp. 1068 – 1085
Stone Chumash pp. 1201 – 1202

We thank **Julie & Don Eisenberg** for sponsoring this bulletin in memory of Julie's father, Stuart Irving Raskas, on the 30th Anniversary of his Yahrzeit

Prayer

Erev Shabbos, Friday, August 27

- 7:00 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Ma'ariv
- 7:19 pm Candle Lighting

Shabbos, Saturday, August 28

- 9:00 am Shachris followed by Musaf

Thank You for Leading Services

- Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
- Shacharis: **Rabbi Avi Okin**
- Leyning: **Shmuel Anton**

- 7:00 pm Mincha, Shalosh Seudos, Ma'ariv
- 8:21 pm Shabbos concludes



- Haftorah: **Kenny Bressler**
- Sermon: **Rabbi Avi Okin**
- Musaf: **Rabbi Avi Okin**

Minyan Times August 26 – September 4

	Thu Aug 26	Fri Aug 27	Shabbos Aug 28	Sun Aug 29	Mon Aug 30	Tues Aug 31	Wed Sep 1	Thur Sep 2	Fri Sep 3	Shabbos Sep 4
Selichos (am)				12:30	6:30	6:30	6:30	6:30	6:30	
Shachris (am)	7:00	7:00	9:00	8:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	9:00
Mincha/Ma'ariv (pm)	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00

Lulav & Esrog Sets – FINAL WEEK TO ORDER! NO EXCEPTIONS

If you have not yet ordered your Lulav & Esrog sets, the time is NOW. Please email your orders to Nancy at office@nhbz.org, or call 314-991-2100, ext. 2. Be sure to leave your name, call back phone number and your order. Prices are as follows:

- Basic Lulav & Esrog set \$50
- Standard Lulav & Esrog set \$60
- Deluxe Lulav & Esrog set \$70
- Premium Lulav & Esrog set \$85

* All orders must be received and paid for on or before **NEXT Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021.**
No exceptions, as order will be placed first thing Friday morning.

Congregation News

Mazel Tov on Simchas This Week! August 28 – September 4

Happy Birthday

Daniel Shanker	August 30
Norma Rubin	September 1
Eli Judah Bialecki	September 2
Jonah Alexander Bialecki	September 2
Michelle Goldstein	September 2
Howard Sandler	September 3
Faith Waxman	September 3
Meira Ganel	September 4
Miriam Tzadok	September 4



Happy Anniversary

Robert & Rise Schnurman

August 29

Events

Coming Soon

- Sunday, August 29
 - Carry-out PIZZA NIGHT (**Place your orders!**)
 - Teen Schmooze Restarts
- Tuesday, August 31
 - "Welcoming the Jewish New Year" at Crown Center
- Sunday, September 12
 - Family Tashlich Program
- Sunday, September 19
 - Edible Sukkah Event
- Monday, November 15
 - "14 Days Living in Eshkol, Israel"
- Sunday, December 12
 - 116th Anniversary Event

On-Going

- Online Classes
 - See listing on Page 6
- Every Shabbos, 9:15 am
 - Learners' Service with Rabbi David (**On Hiatus**)
- Every Shabbos, 10:15 am
 - Starting Points with Rabbi Smason
- Every Wednesday, 12:15 pm
 - Pirkei Avos Class with Rabbi Smason
- Every Thursday, 7:30 pm
 - Mishmar Learning with Rabbi Okin

Family Tashlich BBQ and Program Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021

Watch your emails (and read the Bulletin!). Registration starts now! Come play, eat and learn with NHBZ Young Families! Everyone invited. Email Nancy (office@nhbz.org) with your RSVP (see flyer for details).

Yizkor Book of Remembrance

Have you confirmed your Yizkor listings? As in the past, we request a \$10 donation for each name listed (or group of names such as "and family") in the Book of Remembrance, and an additional \$36 donation for each Name Read Aloud during Yizkor. The Book of Remembrance is used on Yizkor throughout the year for Yom Kippur, Shemini Atzeres, Passover and Shavuot. Please notify the Office today (office@nhbz.org or call 314-991-2100, ext. 2) of how you want to honor the memory of your loved ones.

On-going Covid Guidelines New Shul Policy *Please see important update*

Starting with Rosh Hashanah, NHBZ requires that all people praying inside the shul show proof of vaccination. You may show your vaccination card to Rabbi Smason before the holidays or as you enter the shul. **If we have no proof of vaccination**, you are welcome to join services from the Kaiser Terrace on the West side of the synagogue.

Masks required of all inside attendees; masks are strongly encouraged for those outside, too. Children above age 12 have the same requirements as adults.

Please enter the synagogue from the South entrance (near Logos School).

May this be a year of health. May this be a year of peace. With our efforts and cooperation, may we help end this pandemic.

High Holiday Seating

All members of NHBZ (not Associate Members) are entitled to their own seat for the High Holidays, so they can come and go as much as needed, and return to their own seat. If you weren't entirely happy with your seat last year (too noisy? too cold? too close to the front?), you can change it! If you are a new member we can help you pick out a seat to your liking. Please contact Lenny Alper at lenny.alper@outlook.com to review your seating options, or contact Nancy at office@nhbz.org.

High Holiday Parking

Parking will be available on the Logos School Parking Lot. Please park in the spaces closest to the synagogue. Thank you to Logos School!!!!

MEN'S MIKVAH USE AT THE STAENBERG BUILDING FOR YOMIM NORAIM

HOURS: 7:00 am-4:30 pm erev Rosh Hashanah
6:30 am-4:00 pm erev Yom Kippur

PRICES: \$7.50 ADULT
\$5.00 PRE-BAR MITZVAH AND YESHIVA BOCHRIM
\$5.00 KLEI KODESH
"FREE" FOR SON'S OF KLEI KODESH (pre-bar mitzvah age)

We are still requesting that all men use the sign in sheet when they enter and please read and observe the current Covid protocol in place. If anyone is experiencing any of the listed symptoms, please do not enter. Men are still requested to bring their own towels and prepare in advance as bathrooms will be unavailable for use.

Hours for erev sukkos and erev shmini atzeres will be posted at a later date.

Please contact Lynda Cohen (314) 795-3982 with questions.



TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 10:00 AM
BACK PATIO AT CROWN CENTER



Welcoming the Jewish New Year

Explore the rich traditions of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur through this engaging program.

Rabbi Ze'ev Smason from Nusach Hari B'nai Zion will share thoughts on the High Holidays and prepare us for this important time of the year.

Special Rosh Hashanah treats will be provided.
Community welcome to this special program.

Please RSVP to 314-991-2055



Youth Programming

Teen Schmooze is BACK, Sunday, August 29, 2021.

"Teen Schmooze", a special opportunity just for teens in an informal group setting, is now underway. This program meets every Sunday – middle school students start at 9:00 am, and high school students at 9:30 am. **Join us on the patio at the back of the NHBZ Sanctuary.** Refreshments will be served! For details, contact **Rabbi Okin** at aviokin@nhbz.org.



Israel

Israeli Olive Oil

Get ready to place your orders! Once again, we can support Israeli business and eat well while doing it! Yes, you can adopt an olive tree! Stay tuned for details.

14 Days Living in Eshkol, Israel

Reserve the evening of Monday, November 15 for a program entitled "14 Days Living in Eshkol, Israel" to take place at NHBZ. The program will be presented by Lieutenant Colonel Keith Isaacson and a security official from the Eshkol Region of Israel. We thank Irl Solomon, of Friends of Israel, and Pastor Bryan Sharp for enabling us to host this event.

Learning at NHBZ

Ask Our Rabbis!

Q: Shabbos candle sticks are sold in pairs of twos. However, I also have my mother's candelabra which holds 5 candles and my grandmother's also held 5 candles. They both lit all 5 candles. How many candles are to be lit on Shabbos?

A: One of the most iconic Shabbos symbols is that of the Candles lit 18 minutes before sunset every Friday afternoon. The Talmud (Shabbos 23b) tells us that the reason for this Rabbinic commandment is to bring peace and tranquility in the Jewish home. It is very difficult to enjoy the Friday night meal in the dark, so the Rabbis instructed all Jewish homes to have light in order to both honor and enjoy Shabbos.

The Mishnah Berurah (OC 263:6) points out that technically speaking, a family has fulfilled the Mitzvah of Lighting Shabbos Candles with just one light. Rabbi Yosef Karo (Shulchan Aruch OC 263:1) notes that the prevalent custom is to light 2 candles to represent the 2 aspects of our observance of Shabbos. The first aspect is that of *Zachor*, the positive commandments of Shabbos, represented by the verse "Remember (*Zachor*) the day of Shabbos and make it holy" (Exodus 20:8). The second aspect is that of *Shamor*, refraining from the negative commandments of Shabbos, represented by the verse "Keep (*Shamor*) the day of Shabbos and make it holy" (Deuteronomy 5:12). In order to remember these facets of Shabbos, many Jews light 2 candles.

However, many have the custom to light 1 additional candle for each child in the family, and others light an additional candle for each grandchild (Pischei Teshuvos OC 263:2)! At the end of the day, whether 1, 2, or many more candles are lit in the home on Friday afternoon, this beautiful Mitzvah enhances the atmosphere and ambiance of the Shabbos experience.

● **Parshas Ki Savo - by Rabbi Smason**

The parsha begins by describing the annual mitzvah for farmers in Israel to bring their *bikurim*, or first fruits, to the Kohen in the Temple. The donor was then to recite a prayer of thanksgiving, recalling how G-d had delivered his ancestors from Egypt and brought the new generation into a land flowing with milk and honey. Moses then teaches two special mitzvos, which the Jewish people are to perform upon entering the land of Israel. First, they are to inscribe the entire Torah on twelve large stones. Second, the twelve tribes are to ratify their acceptance of the Torah in the following manner: six tribes were to stand on Mt. Gerizim, representing the blessings, while the remaining six tribes were to stand on Mt. Eival, signifying the curses. The Levites were to stand in the valley between, reciting blessings and curses which will apply respectively to those who observe and defy the Torah. The parsha concludes with a recounting of the wonderful blessings G-d will bestow upon the Jewish people for remaining faithful, and a chilling prophecy of what might happen if the Jewish people do not follow the Torah.

Learning at NHBZ (continued)

● In the Month of Elul

- Elul is a good time to have one's *tefillin* and *mezuzos* checked by an accredited scribe, to ensure that they are in good condition and fit for use.
- During the last week of Elul, in the days leading up to Rosh Hashanah, the Selichos prayers are recited. On the first night they are recited at or after midnight; on the following days, in the early morning. Selichos begins early Sunday morning at NHBZ on August 29 at 12:30 A.M.

● NHBZ Mishmar

Join Rabbi Okin and young men from all over St. Louis for Mishmar, an evening gathering of Torah and Camaraderie on Thursday Nights from 7:30 pm – 8:00 pm. ***We will meet indoors at the back of the NHBZ sanctuary*** with a text-based and interactive learning session. If you are interested, join the WhatsApp group with this link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/leuwWw6NTFIDC96XIXkRGv>

● Rabbi Smason's Shabbos Shoutout

The complete list of Shabbos Shoutouts, with most recent listed first, can be found at

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLI_MFI0zsmKIImpR3KpHROrHDWIDNbqsN

● Rabbi Okin's Torah Thoughts

The complete list of Torah Thoughts, with most recent listed first, can be found at:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLI_MFI0zsmKJG-HuXMG1Ej2aUImqQHkJ-

● Rabbi David's Learners' Service – ***On Hiatus until Rosh Hashanah***

Every Shabbos at 9:15 am. Just starting out? No worries. Rabbi David teaches the basics of

Rosh Hashanah Learner's Service & Class

With great joy and excitement, we announce this year's learner's service and class. Please join us!

- Tuesday, September 7, 2021 10 am – 12:30 pm
 - **Educational Service with Rabbi David**
- Wednesday, September 8, 2021 11 am
 - **"Rosh Hashanah: All Week Long" with Rebbitzen Mimi David**

● Rabbi Smason's Starting Points

Join Rabbi Smason for a 45-minute presentation/discussion of relevant, contemporary topics every Shabbos at 10:15 am in the Feigenbaum-Pepose Multi-Purpose Room. Following is the list of upcoming topics:

August 28: Good Person/Good Jew: Is There a Difference?
 Sept. 4: Begin Again - What Can Make This the Best Year Ever?
 Sept. 11: Mistakes We Need to Stop Making



NHBZ Online Classes

Rabbi Ze'ev 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 the Zoom application to see the class) AND through audio only on your telephone.

Instructions to Attend Classes

For audio through your telephone, connect in one of two 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* since this way might become unavailable soon.

For Zoom video, each class has a Zoom link shown underlined in blue below. Click or tap on the link, or copy and paste the link into your browser to join the class.

List of Rabbi Ze'ev Smason's Zoom Classes

1. Weekdays, 8:15 am (Sun 9:15 am) ~ New topic "Tehillim Tips: Insights Into Our Prayers". Sessions are approximately 30 minutes.
Zoom video link: <https://zoom.us/j/99013706617>
2. Monday thru Friday, 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm ~ "King Solomon: His Wisdom, Wealth and Wives".
Zoom video link: <https://zoom.us/j/136785930>
3. Fridays, 8:15 am ~ Discussion of the "Haftorah of the Week"
Zoom video link: <https://zoom.us/j/99013706617>
4. Mondays, 7:45 pm ~ **"To the Source"** covers contemporary Torah topics using classic and modern English and Hebrew texts.
Zoom video link: <https://zoom.us/j/295822730>

"To The Source" is now on pause, possibly continuing after the Holidays



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1. Visit smile.amazon.com and sign-in to your Amazon account
2. Under "Pick your organization, search for "Nusach Hari"
3. Select "Nusach Hari-Bnai Zion Congregation"

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The Month of Elul

Elul is the 12th and final month in the Jewish calendar (the 6th month counting from Nisan). It is a month that connects the past year with the coming year—a time when we reflect on where we stand and where we should be going.

Every day of Elul we blow the shofar and recite special Psalms in anticipation of the High Holidays, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

It is called “the month of repentance,” “the month of mercy” and “the month of forgiveness.” Elul follows the two previous months of Tammuz and Av—months of tragedies that were brought upon us through our sins. In Tammuz, the Jews sinned with the golden calf; on Rosh Chodesh Elul, Moses ascended to Mount Sinai for a third 40-day period until Yom Kippur, when he descended with the second tablets (*luchot*) and G-d's word of joyful, wholehearted forgiveness. (The first time Moses ascended was to receive the first tablets; the second time was after the sin, to ask for forgiveness; and this third time was to receive the second set of tablets.) These were days when G-d revealed to the Jewish people great mercy. Since then, this time has been designated as a time of mercy and forgiveness, an opportune time for *teshuvah*—repentance. We approach G-d with a desire to return and connect... and He reciprocates with Divine expressions of mercy and forgiveness. -chabad.org

Book Club News

Thanks to **Faith Waxman** for leading an excellent discussion of the novel “*Florence Adler Swims Forever*,” by Rachel Beanland. Many thanks also to **Sallie Volotzky** for offering and expecting to host the Book Club on her lovely patio on August 23... until the rainy weather caused a last-minute switch to a Zoom discussion!

Note these upcoming Book Club discussions dates:

- ☐ Oct. 25 “*The Third Daughter*” by Talia Carner
- ☐ Dec. 27 “*The Ghost of Hannah Mendes*” Naomi Ragen

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



LAST CHANCE to participate in Sisterhood's New Year Greetings Fundraiser for 5782



NHBZ Sisterhood wishes you Health, Happiness & Prosperity in the New Year...

...and invites you to wish **L'Shana Tova Tikatevu** to everyone in our NHBZ family!

Names of donors will be published in the NHBZ – 5782 Rosh Hashanah Bulletin

Make checks payable to ‘NHBZ’ and write ‘Sisterhood Greeting’ on the memo line. \$5 minimum donation – no maximum! Be sure to Include how to list your name, your phone number, email address, and amount enclosed.

Mail your contribution **by August 27** to: NHBZ Sisterhood, 650 North Price Road, St. Louis, MO 63132 - or email your greeting information directly to bookkeeper@nhbz.org and visit the website www.nhbz.org to make a payment. For questions, call the NHBZ office, 314-991-2100, ext.3 or email: sisterhood@nhbz.org

NHBZ Sisterhood will serve as a Congregational Table Host for the JFed's Women's Philanthropy Annual L'Chaim Event on October 27, 5:00-9:00 pm
Watch for details!

All Women are Invited to Sisterhood's 'Welcome Back' Open House Thurs., Sept. 23, 5:00-6:30pm

Join us for schmoozing, appetizers, and drinks in the Sukkah!



For information or to join Sisterhood, call the NHBZ office at 314-991-2100, ext. 3, or email: sisterhood@nhbz.org



New Year Greetings

fundraiser

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**...and invites you to wish *L'Shana Tova Tikatevu*
to everyone in our NHBZ family!**

Make your check payable to NHBZ,
and write '*Sisterhood Greeting*' on the memo line

*In order to encourage everyone to participate we have kept the minimum
donation to just \$5 per name – There is NO MAXIMUM – Please be generous!*

Names will be published in the 5782 Rosh Hashanah Bulletin

Send your contribution, along with the form below, **by August 27** to:

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St. Louis, MO 63132

or you may email your greeting information directly to bookkeeper@nhbz.org
or visit the website www.nhbz.org to make a payment

FOR QUESTIONS, CALL THE NHBZ OFFICE, 314-991-2100, EXT.3, OR EMAIL: sisterhood@nhbz.org

NHBZ SISTERHOOD NEW YEAR GREETING ~ FOR ROSH HASHANAH 5782 BULLETIN

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____ (*\$5 per name minimum – no maximum!*)

Please list my name(s) as follows:



Proceeds benefit NHBZ's Passport to Israel Program and other NHBZ Sisterhood projects

A Good and Sweet Year !



PIZZA NIGHT

CARRY OUT ONLY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 5-7 PM



\$14.00 for a whole pizza.

Choose 1, 2, or 3 pizza toppings:

plain cheese – mushroom – green pepper – onion

Place orders BY NOON on Wednesday, August 25
call 314-991-2100, ext. 2 to order your pizza and arrange
a time for pickup between 5:00 and 7:00pm.

You may email orders to office@nhbz.org and
pay online at <https://www.nhbz.org/make-a-payment-2/>
or mail your check to NHBZ

All food under the supervision of Rabbi Ze'ev Smason





Teen Schmooze

Teens of all levels of observance welcome

***A special opportunity just for teens
in an informal group setting***

***Weekly, starting Sunday, August 29
On the NHBZ Patio***

Refreshments will be served

Join Rabbi Avi Okin to talk about . . . life,
Jewish stuff, not-so Jewish stuff, concerns,
questions . . . and whatever is on your mind!

5th-8th graders 9:00 am - 9:30 am

9th-12th graders 9:30 am - 10:00 am

Got Questions

There is no charge for this program
NHBZ membership not required

Please RSVP to Rabbi Okin at aviokin@nhbz.org





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KIDS' PROGRAMS for the HIGH HOLIDAYS

**Come join NHBZ as we celebrate
the Birthday of the World ...**

Rosh Hashanah!

10:00 AM-12: 30 PM on Rosh Hashanah.

NHBZ will be offering meaningful and age-appropriate Jewish programs, interactive games, snacks & lunch for ages <1-12 years old.

The separate groups will be:

'GAN'- Babysitting for ages 0-4,

'APPLES & HONEY'- Program for ages 5-8, and

'SHOFROT'- Program for ages 9-12.

Please RSVP to office@nhbz.org to sign your kids up for the program!

Stay tuned for information about our Yom Kippur Children's program. Membership isn't required and there is no cost to participate. Feel free to contact Rabbi Okin at aviokin@nhbz.org with any questions.

NUSACH HARI B'NAI ZION - 650 N. PRICE ROAD - ST. LOUIS MISSOURI 63132



Family Tashlich

Sunday, September 12

11am-2pm

Town Square Pavilion

13360 Clayton Road, Town and Country

\$10/plate

BBQ plate includes choice of Hamburger or Hot Dog
PLUS sides, a drink, and dessert.

\$5 for each *additional* hamburger or hot dog

RSVP by NOON on Friday, Sept. 3 – call 314-991-2100, ext. 2

- Short Tashlich Service with explanations!
- Games for Kids!
- Food and Fun for Families!



All food under the supervision of Rabbi Ze'ev Smason