



# NHBZ Weekly News

## Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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October 9, 2021 • 3 Cheshvan 5782 • Candle Lighting 6:14 pm • Shabbos Concludes 7:16

Torah Portion Noach  
Haftorah

Genesis 6:9 – 11:32  
Isaiah 54:1 – 10

Stone Chumash pp. 30 – 53  
Stone Chumash pp. 1130 – 1131

*We thank Faith & Bruce Waxman and family, who generously sponsor this bulletin*

*In Honor of Sandy & Marvin Greenberg's 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary*

**ATTENTION: Is the Eruv down for this Shabbos?** As of publication (Thursday, October 7), **the Eruv is DOWN for this Shabbos**. Please be sure to verify its availability weekly. Before Shabbos, call the Eruv Hotline at 314-863-1811.

## Prayer

### Erev Shabbos, Friday, October 8

- 6:15 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Ma'ariv
- 6:14 pm Candle Lighting

### Shabbos, Saturday, October 9

- 9:00 am Shachris followed by Musaf

Pesukei D'Zimra: **Menachem Szus**

Shacharis: **TBA**

Leyning: **Stuart Klamen**

Haftorah: **Bruce Waxman**

Sermon: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**

Musaf: **Rabbi Avi Okin**

- 5:55 pm Mincha, Shalosh Seudos, Ma'ariv
- 7:16 pm Shabbos concludes



**WHO NEEDS CARTOONS?** NHBZ offers Shabbos morning programs for elementary and middle school students. Programs **every Shabbos**, from 10:00 am until Kiddush is served. Program content is personally designed and coordinated by Rabbi Okin. Families do NOT need to be members of NHBZ to participate. RSVPs appreciated. See you Shabbos!

### Minyan Times October 7 – October 16, 2021

	Thu Oct 7*	Fri Oct 8	Shabbos Oct 9	Sun Oct 10	Mon Oct 11	Tues Oct 12	Wed Oct 13	Thur Oct 14	Fri Oct 15	Shabbos Oct 16
Shachris (am)	6:45	7:00	9:00	8:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	9:00
Mincha/Ma'ariv (pm)	6:15	6:15	5:55	6:05	6:05	6:05	6:05	6:05	6:05	5:45

\*Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan

# Congregation News

## Mazel Tov on Simchas This Week! October 10 – October 16, 2021

### *Happy Birthday*

Ariel Belasen                      October 13

### *Happy Anniversary*

Michael & Alana Minoff      October 10

Kenny & Barb Bressler      October 11



**Uh-Oh!** Nancy made a mistake. No, not referring to sending out the wrong Weekly News (that was SO 3 weeks ago). Ok, fine: too many more to list. But here's a corrected omission:

A belated Happy Anniversary to Jerry & Gail Tullman on September 8. Mazel Tov!

## Simchat Torah Celebration

We had a GREAT turnout! About 50 people came out to celebrate completing the Torah. It was such fun and a blessing to eat together, share stories and community in a way we haven't been able to enjoy in a long time. Thanks to everyone who helped make this possible.

## Events

### **Coming Soon**

- Shabbos, October 23                      – Rabbis of STL Kollel at NHBZ – details to follow
- Saturday night, November 13        – Havdalathon (Motzai Shabbos – Saturday night)
- Monday, November 15                  – "14 Days Living in Eshkol, Israel"
- Thursday, November 25                – Thanksgiving Parent/Child Learning & Gratitude Program
- Sunday, December 12                  – 116<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event (watch your mail!)

### **On-Going**

- Online Classes                            – See listing on Page 6
- Every Shabbos, 9:15 am                – Learners' Service with Rabbi David
- Every Shabbos, 10:00 am               – Shabbos Morning Kids' Program
- 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
- Every Sunday, 9:00                      – Teen Schmooze with Rabbi Okin

\* Rabbi Smason's Wednesday classes will resume October 13, 2021.

## **ISRAELI OLIVE OIL CAMPAIGN IS UNDERWAY!**

How would you like to adopt an olive tree (for yourself, as a gift or in memory of a loved one)? Wouldn't you prefer to cook with TOP QUALITY delicious Olive Oil, and support Israeli business and farmers while you do so? Place your orders today! You may order directly at <https://www.mytree.org.il/nhbz>, or through the Office, by phone (314-991-2100, ext. 2) or email ([office@nhbz.org](mailto:office@nhbz.org)). Last day to order is **Thursday, October 27**. Don't miss out on this win-win opportunity!

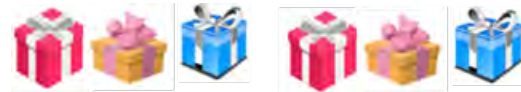
## Current Status of the Special Gifts Campaign

I would like to thank all of you who helped and continue to assist in this important effort. The project this summer went longer than we expected, which prevented the scheduling of a planned event to extend appreciation to those members of the Shul who have contributed to the Campaign.

Rather than continue the Special Gifts Campaign ("the SGC"), which would conflict with our Yizkor Appeal and the efforts involved with the Annual Dinner, the Executive Committee has agreed to defer continuation of the SGC until after the first of the year.

I appreciate your understanding. Know that the funds generated by the Campaign will go a long way to ensure the future of Nusach Hari.

Jay B. Umansky  
Committee Chair



## IT'S (almost) HAVDALATHON TIME! Saturday Night, November 13

What's a Havdalathon, you ask? It's a roaring good time for the whole family! Under the guidance of Rabbi Okin, we will learn how to transition out of Shabbos. Learn HOW and WHY we do what we do.

If the learning is not enough, there is also PIZZA and CRAFTS (each family will decorate its own Havdalah set) and SONGS and FUN. Open to all – NHBZ membership not required.

Mark your calendars and watch the Weekly News and emails for updates and to RSVP.

**Sponsors requested, so we can keep this a FREE event!**

## We are looking for a few good ... Letter-writers or Picture-makers!

What better way to let IDF soldiers know that we appreciate them than by offering kind words (or drawings) in a letter? Our very own Meira Ganel will be going to Israel, and invites CHILDREN or TEENS to write (or draw) a letter to a soldier. Ms. Ganel will attach the letters to Shaving Israel packages for distribution to the soldiers. Please drop your letters off at the Office **by 4:00 pm Thursday, October 14**, so we can get them to Ms. Ganel. Small acts of kindness CAN change the world. Do a mitzvah...make a soldier smile.

## Volunteer Shout-out

Special thank you to Esther and Nicole Levay. They were a big help in getting all those YK Appeal letters out! Let's reward their efforts by making the YK Appeal a huge success!! Great getting to meet you, Ladies, and we all thank you for your help!

We also had the pleasure of the delightful Sandy Kahn in the office this week. Thanks, Sandy!

## **Tributes for the month of September, 2021**

### **IN MEMORY OF**

Gloria Waxman

Harold Mindel, brother of Shirley Bluestein  
Sondra Rotenberg

Dan Rudman  
Mindy Woolf's Aunt

### **IN HONOR OF**

Sam & Shirley Bluestein's New Great-Grandson  
Corey Woolf's Bar Mitzvah

### **REFUAH SHELEMA**

Phyllis Loiterstein

Jay Umansky  
Bob Kaiser

### **SENT BY**

Jesse & Debra Barash  
Sam & Shirley Bluestein  
June Cohen and family  
Frances Hoffman  
Sandy Kaplan  
Dr. Eliot & Sally Katz  
Ed & Helayne Levitt  
Howard & Phyllis Loiterstein  
William & Carol Pomerantz  
Brian & Debbie Sher  
Michael & Barbara Towerman  
Murray Vittert  
Denny & Amy Feit  
Irwin & Arlene Fredman  
Norman, Alan & Edward Appelman  
Harvey & Teri Brandvein  
Dennis & Martha Brodsky  
Fast Lane Classic Car  
David & Megan Comens  
Gary & Marla Goldstein  
Ann, Nicole & Jacqueline Kantor  
Gay Lipman  
Dr. Stanley & Jean Margul  
Bill & Marcy Muchnick  
Andrew & Chloe Schechter  
Jeff & Terri Schnitzer  
Larry & Marsha Weisel  
Estelle Kram  
Frances Hoffman  
Irwin & Arlene Fredman  
Dr. Michael & Charlene Kass  
Ed & Helayne Levitt  
Bobby & Norma Levine  
Howard & Phyllis Loiterstein  
Gary & Marla Goldstein  
Ed & Helayne Levitt

### **SENT BY**

Estelle Kram  
Sam & Shirley Bluestein  
Libby Sorkin Routman

### **SENT BY**

Ed & Helayne Levitt  
Janet Loiterstein  
The Szus Family  
The Szus Family

## **On-going Covid Guidelines *Shul Policy***

NHBZ requires that all people attending tefila (prayer services), classes or other NHBZ programs and activities show proof of vaccination. You may show your vaccination card to Rabbi Smason whenever convenient for you both, or on Shabbos as you enter the shul. Once you have shown Rabbi Smason your vaccination card, there is no need to do so again.

**If we have no proof of vaccination**, you are welcome to join Shabbos services from the Kaiser Terrace on the West side of the synagogue. You are also welcome to enter the synagogue to ask a question of the rabbis and staff, conduct business in the office, pick up or leave an item, or for any other reason that might last for a brief period of time.

Masks required of all inside attendees, age 3 and older; masks are strongly encouraged for those outside, too. Children aged 13 and older have the same vaccination requirements as adults.

As we now enter the post-Holiday period, here's to good health, a year of peace, and prosperity. With our efforts and cooperation, may we help end this pandemic.

## **Youth Programming**

### **Shabbos Morning Kids' Program, Shabbos**

Who wants to watch cartoons when we can have fun with friends and spend time with Rabbi Okin and other great counselors?! NHBZ is excited to launch its Shabbos Morning programming!



NHBZ offers Shabbos morning programs for elementary and middle school students. Programs offered **every Shabbos**, from 10:00 am until Kiddush is served. All program content will be personally designed and coordinated by Rabbi Okin. Families do NOT need to be members of NHBZ to participate. Please contact Rabbi Okin at [aviokin@nhbz.org](mailto:aviokin@nhbz.org) with any questions. See you on Shabbos!

### **Teen Schmooze is BACK, Sundays**

**"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.** Breakfast will be served! For details, contact **Rabbi Okin** at [aviokin@nhbz.org](mailto:aviokin@nhbz.org).

## **Israel**

### **Israeli Olive Oil**

Place your orders! To participate in this awesome opportunity is simple:

- Go to the website: [mytree.org.il/nhbz](http://mytree.org.il/nhbz)

The website will instruct you to click on a button to order either 3 or 6 bottles of oil and will explain how you can get your name placed on your own tree in Israel.

- You will also make your payment on the website. The bottles will be sent to NHBZ and we will contact you to pick them up.
- If you prefer to pay by check or cash, please call Nancy (314-991-2100, ext. 2) or email ([office@nhbz.org](mailto:office@nhbz.org)).
- Please contact Margo Tzadok at [tmargo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tmargo@sbcglobal.net) for any questions.



# Learning at NHBZ

## ● Parashas Noach – By Rabbi Smason

As a result of Mankind's evil, G-d brings a flood to destroy every living creature. Only Noah, his family, and at least one pair of every animal species were spared. Trivia question: Do you know the name of Noah's wife? (hint -- it is NOT 'Joan of Ark'.) When the flood waters begin to recede after a lengthy deluge, Noah sends forth from the ark a raven and dove to determine whether the land has dried sufficiently so that they can leave the ark to once again resettle the earth. G-d promises that He will never again destroy all of Mankind by means of a flood, and He designates the rainbow as a sign for that eternal covenant. Noah plants a vineyard, drinks from its produce and becomes drunk. In his intoxicated state, he shamefully uncovers himself. While his son Ham dealt with his father inappropriately, Noah's other two sons, Shem and Japeth, cover their father in a respectful manner. Generations pass and the world is repopulated. The people attempt to wage war against G-d by building the Tower of Babel. G-d responds by mixing up their languages into a 'babble', and dispersing them across the planet.

### Ask Our Rabbis

Q: When we say a mishabayrach prayer for those who aren't well, we use the individual's Hebrew name and that of his or her mother. However, when a man is called to the Torah, we use his name and that of his father. Why the difference?

A: When we are praying for someone who is not well, we use the individual's name along with that of his or her mother. This follows the pattern set out by Dovid HaMelech (King David) in Tehillim (Psalms) 116:16, where he asks Hashem for mercy because *Ani Avdecha Ben Amasecha* "I am Your servant, the son of Your Maidservant." We see that in a time of need that we should invoke the merit of our Jewish mothers.

On the other hand, when a man is called up to the Torah, we use the individual's name along with that of his father's. This is because there is a need to identify the Oleh's (the one who was called up to the Torah) lineage. Judaic lineage is patrilineal, and therefore we call men up to the Torah using their father's name.

## ● 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, please contact Rabbi Okin at [aviokin@nhbz.org](mailto:aviokin@nhbz.org).

## ● 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\\_MFI0zsmKlImpR3KpHROrHDWIDNbqsN](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLI_MFI0zsmKlImpR3KpHROrHDWIDNbqsN)

## ● Rabbi Okin's Torah Thoughts

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# Learning at NHBZ (con't)

- **Rabbi David's Learners' Service**

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

- **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. Upcoming topics coming soon!

- **Rabbi Smason's Wednesday In-Person Class** will resume Wednesday, October 13, 2021.



## 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>



# THE SISTERHOOD SCOOP

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### Book Club News

**Mark your calendars now for these upcoming Book Club discussions:**

- ☐ **Oct. 25** *"The Third Daughter"* by Talia Carner  
– discussion led by Ilene Brooks Scharnhorst
- ☐ **Dec. 27** *"The Ghost of Hannah Mendes"*  
by Naomi Ragen

For more information or to  
**RSVP** call **Terri Schnitzer**  
at 314-518-4107 or email  
[terrischnitzer@yahoo.com](mailto:terrischnitzer@yahoo.com)



**"Faith is not certainty. It is the courage to live with uncertainty. It is not knowing all the answers."**

– Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

**St. Louis Jewish Federation  
Women's Philanthropy presents:  
*L'Chaim! Make a Fresh Start***

**A virtual evening of celebration,  
community, and giving, on  
Wednesday, October 27, 2021  
Virtual – 7:00 pm**

featuring *Clea Shearer & Joanna Teplin*,  
founders of *The Home Edit*...

...who will share how Jewish values have shaped them into powerful female entrepreneurs with an inspirational Instagram account, celebrity clients, and a hit Netflix series.

Our NHBZ Sisterhood will serve as a Congregational Table Host for the Event.

Tickets: **\$18**, includes a *L'Chaim!* Treat and a chance to win a gift package from The Home Edit Collection. Register online **by October 20** at [www.JFedSTL.org/events/lchaim2021/](http://www.JFedSTL.org/events/lchaim2021/)

### What the Ark Taught Noah

When the rains first fall at the beginning of the flood story, Noah is described as "a man of little faith," waiting for the waters to reach his knees or so before finally entering the ark.

Being that Noah had, at G-d's behest, dropped everything and spent the last 120 years building an enormous ark, to call him a man of little faith seems a bit extreme.

Similarly, the flood is referred to as "the waters of Noah," as though he — the only one worthy of being saved — were actually to blame for it. This is odd.

But the truth is that Noah is criticized in the flood story. He was surrounded by wicked people who needed a righteous leader to teach them and inspire them to goodness. Noah was righteous, but he wasn't a leader. He didn't give enough of himself to the generation.

So Noah entered the ark, a 450-foot floating sealed zoo. The lion roared, the bear growled, the dog barked and the duck quacked. The animals — everything from insects to elephants — were hungry, each with its own diet, feeding time and messy quarters to clean. The ark was also claustrophobic and damp. "Deliver me from prison," Noah prayed, "for my soul is tired of the smell of lions, bears and panthers."

But this time Noah had no choice — the world was in his ark and he, as captain, had to take care of it. He fed the animals, he cared for them and he cleaned their stalls. Our Sages say that he gave of himself until he was coughing blood. He gave of himself until there was nothing left to give.

Sometimes all faith means is the realization that G-d wants us to give of ourselves to others, for the world is built on kindness. Thanks to Noah's kindness, there was a spirit of goodness in the ark, where, after a long day, the lion did, in fact, lie down next to the lamb.

The ark taught Noah faith — the faith that we're all in this, the same boat, together.

– by **Boruch Cohen** ([www.chabad.org](http://www.chabad.org))





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