

# NHBZ Weekly News

# Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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November 6, 2021 • 2 Kislev 5782 • Candle Lighting 5:38 pm • Shabbos Concludes 6:40 pm

Parshas Toldos Genesis 25:19 – 28:9 Haftorah Malachi 1:1 – 2:7 **Stone Chumash pp. 124 – 143 Stone Chumash pp. 1137 - 1138** 

**ATTENTION: The Eruv is down for this Shabbos** as of publication (Thursday, November 4). Please verify its availability weekly at 314-863-1811.

## **Prayer**

#### Erev Shabbos, Friday, November 5

• 5:35 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Ma'ariv

5:38 pm Candle Lighting

#### Shabbos, Saturday, November 6

9:00 am Shachris followed by Musaf

Pesukei D'Zimra: Haftorah: Meir Armoza

Shacharis: Mateo John Sermon: Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

Leyning: Stuart Klamen Musaf: Rabbi Avi Okin

5:20 pm Mincha, Shalosh Seudos, Ma'ariv

6:40 pm Shabbos concludes

#### Minyan Times November 4 - November 13, 2021

	Thu Nov 4	Fri Nov 5*	Shabbos Nov 6	Sun Nov 7**	Mon Nov 8	Tues Nov 9	Wed Nov 10	Thur Nov 11	Fri Nov 12	Shabbos Nov 13
Shachris (am)	7:00	6:45	9:00	8:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	9:00
Mincha/Ma'ariv (pm)	5:35	5:35	5:20	4:30	4:30				4:30	4:15
Ma'ariv Only (pm)						6:45	6:45	6:45		

\*Rosh Chodesh \*\*Remember to change your clocks! Fall back, 2am, Nov. 7

<u>Shabbos Mornings Kids' Programs</u>: Every Shabbos, from 10:00 am until Kiddush is served, NHBZ offers programs for elementary and middle school students. Bring them into the beauty of honoring Shabbos with their community. Families do NOT need to be members of NHBZ to participate. See you Shabbos!

#### **Call for Minyanim**

Your attendance is needed, please. Check in with Rabbi Smason and find a time when you can help. There is no such thing as too many people attending a minyan. We hope you will join us, soon and often! If you would like to receive SMSM reminders for your minyan attendance, please send the following information to <a href="minyan@nhbz.org">minyan@nhbz.org</a>: Name; cell number and carrier; and times for which you would like reminders.

# **Congregation News**

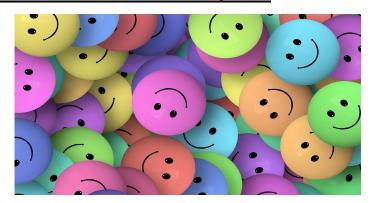
#### Mazel Tov on Simchas This Week! November 7 - November 13, 2021

#### Happy Birthday

Gaelyn Hartranft November 7
Rayna Chervitz November 8
Tobie Dobin November 11
Sandra Klarfeld November 11
Sam Lyss November 11

#### Happy Anniversary

David & Gail Porter November 12



#### **Events**

#### **Coming Soon**

• Saturday night, November 13

Sunday, November 14Monday, November 15

• Thursday, November 25

• Sunday, December 5

• Sunday, December 12

Havdalathon (Motzai Shabbos – Saturday night)

All-Congregation meeting via Zoom

- "14 Days Living in Eshkol, Israel"

 Thanksgiving Parent/Child Learning & Gratitude Program

Family Chanukah Party

 116<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event – LIVE & In-Person at the Clayton Plaza

#### On-Going

Online Classes

Every Shabbos, 9:15 am

Every Shabbos, 10:00 am

• Every Shabbos, 10:15 am

• Every Monday, 8:00 pm

Every Wednesday, 12:15 pm

Every Thursday, 7:00 pm

Every Sunday, 9:00

See listing on Page 8

Learners' Service with Rabbi David

- Shabbos Morning Kids' Program

Starting Points with Rabbi Smason

St. Louis Kollel Amud-A-Week

- Pirkei Avos Class with Rabbi Smason

Mishmar Learning with Rabbi Okin

- Teen Schmooze with Rabbi Okin

#### Busy Weekend Next Week (Nov 13-15)! Plan to Join Us!

Nov 13 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Havdalathon – Light the Night! Motzai Shabbos (Saturday Night) 6:30 pm See page 5 and attached flyer for details! RSVPs help us plan ahead

**Nov 14** Annual Membership Meeting/Election of Officers Sunday, on Zoom. Link 11:00 am will be mailed and emailed to members.

**Nov 15 "14 Days Living in Eshkol, Israel"** Monday, See page 6 for details 7:00 pm

#### **Natalie Klamen Monument Dedication**

The Monument dedication for Natalie Klamen will take place on Sunday, November 14 at 2:00 pm at Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol Cemetery, Ladue Road.

# Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers Sunday, Nov. 14, 11:00 am



Did you ever wonder how the officers of NHBZ are elected? Do you want to have a say in the future direction of NHBZ? Do you want to express your opinions to the Board of Directors?

You are invited to attend the Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers on Sunday, November 14, at 11:00 am. We will send a Zoom link soon!

Each November, we hold a Membership meeting to give a 'state of the shul' report and elect officers and members of the Board of Directors. This is an opportunity for you to interact directly with the Rabbis, President and other officers and Board members about the business of the shul. If you would like to give your opinion, makes suggestions or just listen, this is your chance.

Here is how the election works. We have a nominating committee that consists of all past presidents. That committee deliberates throughout the year, and comes up with a proposed slate of officers that is presented to the Board in October. At the November Membership meeting, the slate is officially nominated, **and other nominations are accepted from the floor. You can even nominate yourself.** Members in good standing may nominate others and may have the privilege of voting. Nominees must be members in good standing for at least one year at time of nomination. The Officers and new Board members take office on January 1.

We have eight officers and fifteen Board members. **Officers serve for one year**, and can be re-elected. **Board members serve for three years**, with one third of the Board up for election each year. Sometimes we have a vacancy mid-term, and must nominate somebody to fill the remaining time of a term. Here is the slate of nominees for this year's election (indicated in **red** or asterisk), along with continuing Board members.

#### NHBZ Officers – Term ends 12/31/2022

President \*Kenny Bressler
Vice President \*Jennifer Hartranft
Vice President \*Stella Vladimirov
Vice President \*(open)

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Treasurer \*Denny Feit
Secretary \*Bobby Levine
Gabbai \*Alan Zarkowsky



#### NHBZ Board of Directors

Term ends 12/31/2022
Caryn Alper
Howard Loiterstein
Nancy Belau Rush
Margo Tzadok
Richard Woolf

Term ends 12/31/2023
Marcie Brook
Faye Cohen
\*Teree Farbstein
\*Mike Minoff
(open)

Term ends 12/31/2024
\*Rhonnie Goldfader
\*Joni Kaiser
\*Ed Levitt
\*Gavriel Matt
(open)

#### We Are Listening!

Just in time for the All-Congregation Zoom Meeting, we'd like your feedback regarding the High Holidays!

What functioned well? What changes would you like to recommend? Any special requests?

Please email your comments and feedback, using "Review of 2021 High Holiday Services" as the subject, to office@nhbz.org. Please respond by Noon, Wednesday, November 10.

Editor's request: Constructive feedback with **recommended solutions** appreciated.

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

IN MEMORY OF SENT BY

Sondra Rotenberg Libby Sorkin Routman

Jerry & Gail Tullman Bruce & Faith Waxman

Gloria Waxman Sandy & Marvin Greenberg

Mindy Woolf's Aunt Deborah Woolf

IN CELEBRATION OF SENT BY

Mark & Natalia Wallman's New Baby Boy Bob & Joni Kaiser

Ruth Alper-Novack's Birthday Carolyn & Larry Satz

Daniel & Hindy Anton's New Grandson Bob & Joni Kaiser

Alan & Vivian Zarkowsky's New Granddaughter The Rubins

Denny & Amy Feit

Howard & Phyllis Loiterstein

Bob & Joni Kaiser

Sandy & Marvin Greenberg's Anniversary Bob & Joni Kaiser

IN HONOR OF SENT BY

Alan Haber Vicki Fieman

REFUAH SHELEMA SENT BY

Phyllis Loiterstein Vivian & Alan Zarkowsky

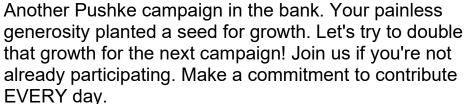
Bob & Joni Kaiser Bruce & Faith Waxman

Bob Kaiser Jerry & Gail Tullman

Denny & Amy Feit Bruce & Faith Waxman

Jay Umansky Bruce & Faith Waxman

#### DOLLAR-A-DAY PUSHKE CAMPAIGN



There was a random drawing from all the names of those who contributed in the previous three months. And, the

winner of this quarter's Pushke prize (\$25 Target gift card) is...Jackie Smason.

Start saving those spare coins today! Remember: Maimonides said, "How often is more important than how much."

Thank you, again, for your continued support of NHBZ.

#### IT'S HAVDALATHON TIME! - Light the Night! Next Saturday Night, November 13

The Second Annual Havdalathon, "Light the Night!" is next week! It's lots of fun for the whole family! We learn HOW and WHY we transition out of Shabbos. NHBZ membership NOT required.

There is also PIZZA and CRAFTS (each family will decorate its own Havdalah set) and SONGS! Mark your calendars and RSVP (office@nhbz.org), so we can plan ahead.

Sponsorship opportunities available!

## **Youth Programming**

**Shabbos Morning Kids' Program, Shabbos** NHBZ invites you to 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 with any questions. See you on Shabbos!



#### Teen Schmooze, 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.

# <u>Israel</u>

#### 14 Days Living in Eshkol, Israel - Mark your Calendars! It's Next Monday!

Monday, November 15 at 7:00 pm at NHBZ is the long-anticipated program, "14 Days Living in Eshkol, Israel." Two of Israel's finest uniformed men will offer eyewitness testimonies as seasoned servicemen, husbands, fathers, first responders and among the brave men and women protecting Israel's borders.

The presenters are Lieutenant Colonel Keith Isaacson, Head of Security for the Eshkol Region of Israel, which includes over 30 Moshavim and Kibbutzim (cities and towns) adjacent to the Gaza border. He is joined by Captain Dani Gohar, a Ravshatz (watchman on the wall), special ops soldier and policeman.

Actual video footage of the 14 days of attack in May 2021 will be shown, including rockets, fire balloons and missiles directed toward Israelis. Footage also shows Israel's measured response, and the courage of individual Israelis.

Rabbi Smason will address the gathering, and we will also be honored to hear to the remarks and insights of Irl Solomon, of Friends of Israel, and Pastor Bryan Sharp. We are grateful to Mr. Solomon and Dr. Sharp for enabling us to host this event.

Another special component to the event will be singing, in English and Hebrew, including Caleb Edwards singing "The Holy City". This is a great opportunity to show your support for Israel, and for the Jewish people.

It is required that all attendees wear a mask; attendees age 12 and older must produce a Covid vaccine card at the Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Synagogue before entry into the event.

# In the Community

#### <u>Missouri Torah Institute – Melave Malka</u> November 6, 8:30 pm

Missouri Torah Institute invites the entire community to a Melave Malka on Motzei Shabbos, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 PM at the Yishiva – 1809 Clarkson Road in Chesterfield.

Rabbi Noach Orlowek and Rabbi Avrohom Stulberger will speak on "How can we connect to Hashem and pass it on to the next generation?"

Dairy buffet and kumsitz with the Yeshiva talmidim to follow. The event is complimentary. For more information, please email <a href="mailto:events@missouritorah.org">events@missouritorah.org</a> or call 636-778-1896 x 100.

#### STL Jewish Book Festival Event November 7, 7:00 pm

Please join Natan Sharansky and Gil Troy as they discuss their co-written memoir of *Sharansky's Never Alone: Prison, Politics and My People*, dealing with Mr. Sharansky's years in Soviet prison. The event takes place Sunday, November 7, at 7:00 pm. Reserve your space for either online or inperson attendance. Tickets available at <a href="stijewishbookfestival.com">stijewishbookfestival.com</a>

#### Torah Prep School of St. Louis - Chanukas Habayis November 14, 10:15 am

Expressing gratitude to Hashem, and celebrating their new home, Torah Prep School of St. Louis invites you to 8136 Groby Road, St. Louis. Doors open at 10:15 am for reception and to tour the building. For more information, visit torahprep.com or call 314-569-2929.

#### **CAMERA on Campus** Meetings available November 14-15

The Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (CAMERA) has fellowships available. Their recruiter, Douglas Sandoval will be conducting interviews Nov. 14-15. You may reach him at 213-376-7003, or email <a href="mailto:douglas@camera.org">douglas@camera.org</a>. More information: https://www.camera.org/

#### The Glow of Success Special thanks, Margo Tzadok!



At the close of this year's MyTree Olive Oil campaign, eleven families adopted trees, and purchased a total of 54 bottles of delicious Israeli Olive Oil, with personalized labels.

Thank you to the dedicated staff of MyTree.org, the families who supported Israel, Israeli farmers and our synagogue through their purchases. And especially Margo Tzadok for spearheading the campaign.

"On behalf of the shul, I would like to thank Margo Tzadok for the wonderful work she has done on this project. It is true *Chesed* on many different levels."

Menachem Szus, President

#### St. Louis Kollel Amud-A-Week at NHBZ

Mondays, 8:00 p.m. All men are welcome! See flyer for additional locations and details.

# **Learning at NHBZ**

#### Parashas Toldos – By Rabbi Smason

Isaac and Rebecca pray to G-d for a child. Rebecca finally conceives, and after a difficult pregnancy gives birth to twins -- Esau and Jacob. Their personality differences soon grow apparent, as Esau turns to hunting while Jacob is pure and wholesome, spending his time studying Torah. Returning from a hunting expedition, Esau finds Jacob cooking a pot of lentil soup. Jacob agrees to give his older brother a portion from the pot of soup in exchange for the spiritual birthright. Faced with a severe famine, Isaac and family settle in Gerar (the land of the Philistines within Israel's borders) rather than descend to Egypt as his father Abraham had done years before. After experiencing astonishing financial success, Isaac comes into continual conflict with King Avimelech over the wells which Isaac dug anew. This pattern of 'success and persecution' has repeated itself throughout Jewish history. Isaac decides to bless Esau as the firstborn. At Rebecca's insistence, Jacob disguises himself as his older brother and receives the blessing of the firstborn (which rightfully belonged to him). The Torah portion concludes with Jacob fleeing from Esau's wrath for 'stealing' his blessing and escaping to Charan to stay with his uncle, Laban, where he is to find a wife.

#### 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:

November 6 Living with Fascination November 13 The Antidote to Boredom

November 20 Thanksgiving: An Attitude of Gratitude November 27 Chanukah: Do Miracles Still Happen?

#### Rabbi Smason's Wednesday In-Person Class

Same place, same time, same health and safety rules.



#### We're Having a Chanukah Party! - Volunteers and Sponsors Needed

Dust off your dreidels, it's PARTY TIME!! Sunday, December 5, 12:00 - 3:00 pm

There are a limited number of seats, and NO walk-ins, so RSVP before Sunday, November 21. (Costs increase after 11/21/21). Please see attached flyer for all of the details.

Sponsorships available, \$54 - \$360.

We also need VOLUNTEERS for the event itself:

- Set up (the evening before, after Shabbos)
- Registration/Receiving Table (no money will change hands, just checking the RSVP list!)
- Kitchen food preparation and Clean up

Please call (314-991-2100, ext. 2) or email (<u>office@nhbz.org</u>) with your sponsorship or how you would like to volunteer.



# 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.

#### 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 7:00 pm – 7:30 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 <a href="mailto:aviokin@nhbz.org">aviokin@nhbz.org</a>.

#### Rabbi Smason's Shabbos Shoutout

The complete list of Shabbos Shoutouts, with most recent listed first, can be found at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLI">https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLI</a> MFI0zsmKIImpR3KpHROrHDWIDNbqsN

#### Rabbi Okin's Torah Thoughts

The complete list of Torah Thoughts, with most recent listed first, can be found at: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-HuXMG1Ej2aUImgQHkJ-https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-HuXMG1Ej2aUImgQHkJ-https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-HuXMG1Ej2aUImgQHkJ-https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-HuXMG1Ej2aUImgQHkJ-https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-HuXMG1Ej2aUImgQHkJ-https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-HuXMG1Ej2aUImgQHkJ-https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-HuXMG1Ej2aUImgQHkJ-https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-HuXMG1Ej2aUImgQHkJ-https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-HuXMG1Ej2aUImgQHkJ-https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-HuXMG1Ej2aUImgQHkJ-https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-HuXMG1Ej2aUImgQHkJ-https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-HuXMG1Ej2aUImgQHkJ-https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-HuXMG1Ej2aUImgQHkJ-https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-https://www.youtube.com/playlist=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-https://www.youtube.com/playlist=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-https://www.youtube.com/playlist=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-https://www.youtube.com/playlist=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-https://www.youtube.com/playlist=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-https://www.youtube.com/playlist=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-https://www.youtube.com/playlist=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-https://www.youtube.com/playlist=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-https://www.youtube.com/playlist=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-https://www.youtube.com/playlist=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-https://www.youtube.com/playlist=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-https://www.youtube.com/playlist=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-https://www.youtube.com/playlist=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-https://www.youtube.com/playlist=PLIMFI0zsmKJG-https:/

#### **Ask our Rabbis**

Q: Is Pesach fattening?

A: Are you kidding? Is the Chief Rabbi of Israel Jewish? Despite the Torah referring to matza as *Lechem Oni*, "Bread of Affliction," exquisite Pesach cuisines have emerged using matza as a flour replacement in matza pies, matza balls (*kneydlach*), matza *brei* (*gefrishte* matza). It never ceases to amaze me: each year there are more inventive foods (kosher-for-Pesach pizza!), more wines and more recipes for Pesach than all other Jewish festivals combined. Pharmacies in Israel report a fifty percent increase in sales of digestive stomach medication after Pesach. How many calories in a typical seder meal? Three thousand! How many in a single matza? A hundred and forty, the equivalent of two pieces of bread.

It must be said, though, that the availability of all these new kosher-for-Pesach foods enable more individuals to observe Pesach properly and to avoid eating *chametz*. We'll leave that as the last word on the subject. *Dayeinu*!

#### 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 12 and older have the same vaccination requirements as adults.

Here's to good health, peace, and prosperity. With our efforts and cooperation, may we help end this pandemic.



### **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

 Weekdays, 8:15 am (Sun 9:15 am) ~ New topic "Tehillim Tips: Insights Into Our Prayers". Sessions are approximately 30 minutes.

Zoom video link: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/99013706617">https://zoom.us/j/99013706617</a>

- 2. Monday thru Friday, 3:00 pm 3:30 pm ~ "King Solomon: His Wisdom, Wealth and Wives". Zoom video link: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/136785930">https://zoom.us/j/136785930</a>
- 3. Fridays, 8:15 am ~ Discussion of the "Haftorah of the Week" Zoom video link: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/99013706617">https://zoom.us/j/99013706617</a>



# THE SISTERHOOD SCOOP NOVEMBER 6

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Moshe, the owner of a small Kosher New York deli, was being questioned by an IRS agent about his tax return. He had reported a net profit of \$80,000 for the year.

"Why don't people leave me alone?" the deli owner said. "I work like a dog, everyone in my family helps out, the place is only closed for Jewish Holidays and Shabbat. And you want to know how I made \$80,000?"

"It's not your income that bothers us," the agent said. "It's these travel deductions. You listed ten trips to Israel for you and your wife." "Oh, that?" the owner said smiling. "Well... We also deliver."

# Parshah Toldot: A Double Gift

Isaac blesses his son Jacob: "...And may G-d give you of the dew of the heavens and of the fat of the earth..." The famed commentator Rashi explains the implication of the words "And may G-d give you": "The Al-mighty will give, and give again."

What was missing in G-d's initial giving, that could be perfected and completed by a second giving? Man is finite, limited; should he give even a magnificent and generous gift to another, it can still be improved upon by additional giving. But even the initial "gift" of the omnipotent and perfect Creator would be perfect. What could be added by "giving again"?

An analogy from the education of a pupil by his teacher might clarify the problem:

A teacher may reach two different levels of achievement with his pupil. He may successfully impart his knowledge to the pupil so that it is completely absorbed and becomes the pupil's own knowledge — but the pupil may still not be able to creatively develop the line of thought further on his own. There is a second, higher level of instruction in which the teacher so perfectly guides the pupil, that he develops the ability to exercise his own intellectual creativity on the subject, and further extends and expands — in his own unique contribution — the knowledge received.

The Mishna records an example of these two levels among the pupils of Rabbi Yochanan Ben Zakai. One of Rabbi Yochanan's pupils was Rabbi Eliezer ben Hurkanus and another was Rabbi Eliezer ben Aroch. "If all the wise men of Israel (including Eliezer ben Aroch) were on one end of a scale and Eliezer ben Hurkanus on the other, he would outweigh them all," states the Mishna. But then it declares, "If all the wise men of Israel were on one end of a scale, even together with Eliezer ben Hurkanus, and Eliezer ben Aroch was on the other end, he would outweigh them all!"

Rabbi Eliezer ben Hurkanus was like " ... a cemented well that loses not even a drop." His reception and absorption of wisdom was superior even to that of Rabbi Eliezer ben Aroch. But Rabbi Eliezer ben Aroch was "...as a well-spring gushing with ever-increasing force," indicating an ability to expand, add and innovate. His creative genius was greater than that of Eliezer ben Hurkanus.

The implication of G-d's "double blessing" that Isaac imparted to Jacob is now clear: not only would the Divine blessing itself be full and perfect, but it would also have the additional effect of enabling Jacob to extend and expand the blessing himself.

- by **Rabbi Yitschak Meir Kagan** (www.chabad.org)



# EarlyBird deadline is Friday, Nov. 12

Mail your Ad and RSVP card or call 314-991-2100 to be entered in the EarlyBird Raffle to win prizes

# 116<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet Honoring



HaKaras HaTov Award Alan Haber



Guests of Honor Lenny & Fran Alper



Award
Shaving Israel

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Clayton Plaza Hotel

7750 Carondelet Ave Clayton, MO 63105

Hors d'oeuvres at 5:30РМ / Dinner & Program at 6:30РМ

\$136.00 per person

#### RSVP by Nov. 12 to be entered in the EarlyBird Raffle to win prizes!

**Anniversary Dinner Committee** 

Sandie Abrams, Fran & Lenny Alper, Jesse Barash, Teree Farbstein, Marsha Feenberg, Rhonnie Goldfader, Fran Hoffman, Dr. Eliot Katz, Bobby Levine, Robin Rickerman, Nancy Rush, Nancy Stenn, Anna Rose Tendler

To ensure everyone's health and safety, attendees should be fully vaccinated and follow the hotel's latest Covid-19 guidelines, including wearing masks in public spaces: https://www.cpclayton.com/covid-19. NHBZ is carefully monitoring the changing Covid situation. Please consult www.nhbz.org for updates.

Don't miss out on NHBZ's biggest celebration of the year!

Phone: 314-991-2100, ext.2 Email: <u>reservations@nhbz.org</u> www.nhbz.org

# NHBZ INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR 2ND ANNUAL HAVDALATHON LIGHT THE NIGHT!

A NIGHT FILLED WITH:
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DELECTABLE TREATS
DIY HAVDALAH KIT
AND MORE!!!

NOVEMBER 13 6:30PM

**FREE!!!** 

RSVP by 11/09/2021 to office@nhbz.com
Reach out to aviokin@nhbz.com with questions

\*13 years and up must show proof of vaccination
\*Proof of vaccination and masks required to participate inside
\*Seating available outside for those who prefer
\*Masks must be worn at all times except when eating

PIUS A FUN RAFFLE!



# Chanukah Rarty!

# Sunday December 5th, 2021 12:00-3:00 pm

Kids Games - Prizes



**Chocolate Gelt For all** 

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Bingo with prizes for kids and adults - Music by Howard Way Cool Balloons Donated by Mike Geerlof



AFTER NOVEMBER 21 costs are \$25, \$16 and \$87



# **PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 21**

There are a limited number of tables. No walk-ins.









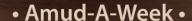


Covid protocols in place and proof of vaccination for those 12 and older.

Masks required of all attendees, age 3 and older.

Great time to join!

ALEN Masechta!



LEARN. UNITE. GROW.

#### **BEGINNING SUNDAY 4 CHESHVAN - OCTOBER 10!**

Live chaburos, chavrusa & podcast options

**Maseches Ta'anis**One Amud at a time.

Learn the Amud.
Unite with community.
Grow in Torah.

#### Agudas Israel

Sunday evening - 8pm R' Yaakov Klein

#### Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

Monday evening - 8 PM Rabbi Chezky Freund

#### **U. City Shul**

Tuesday evening - 8pm Rabbi Avi Bin-Nun

#### Young Israel

Thursday evening - 8:30pm Rabbi Moshe Shulman

#### Shiurim without borders

Gemara of the Amud & "Short & Sweet" shiurim at stlkollel.com/amud-a-week-podcast or search "Amud-a-Week" wherever you podcast.

For more information or for assistance finding a chavursa for the Amud please contact Rabbi Chezky Freund at cfreund@stlkollel.com

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