



NHBZ Weekly News

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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December 4, 2021 • 30 Kislev 5782 • Candle Lighting 4:21pm • Shabbos Concludes 5:24pm

Parshas Mikeitz
Rosh Chodesh
Maftir (Chanukah)
Haftorah

Genesis 41:1 – 44:17
Numbers 28:9 – 28:15
Numbers 7:42 – 7:47
Zecharia 2:14 – 4:7
Isaiah 66:1, 66:24
1 Samuel 20:18, 20:42

Stone Chumash pp. 222 – 249
Stone Chumash pp. 890 – 892
Stone Chumash p. 770
Stone Chumash pp. 1210 – 1211

ATTENTION: The Eruv is down for this Shabbos

We thank our generous sponsors

Libby Sorkin Routman for the Chanukah kiddush doughnuts

Ronnie, Ilana, Ateret, Yardena and Tekoa Reisler for the other kiddush food, in honor of Dr. David Reisler's 86th birthday. Mazel Tov!

Prayer

Shabbos, Friday, December 3

- 4:20 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Ma'ariv
- 4:21 pm Candle Lighting

Shabbos, Saturday, December 4

- 9:00 am Shachris followed by Musaf
Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler** Haftorah: **Brent Waxman**
Shacharis: **Rabbi Avi Okin** Sermon: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
Leyning: **Stuart Klamen** Musaf: **Rabbi Avi Okin**
- 4:05 pm Mincha, Shalosh Seudos, Ma'ariv
- 5:24 pm Shabbos concludes



Minyan Times December 2 – December 11, 2021

	Thu Dec 2*	Fri Dec 3*	Shabbos Dec 4**	Sun Dec 5* **	Mon Dec 6*	Tues Dec 7	Wed Dec 8	Thu Dec 9	Fri Dec 10	Shabbos Dec 11
Shachris (am)	6:45	6:45	9:00	8:00	6:45	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	9:00
Mincha/Ma'ariv (pm)	--	4:20	4:05	4:20	4:20	--	--	--	4:20	4:05
Ma'ariv Only (pm)	6:45	--	--	--		6:45	6:45	6:45	--	--

*Chanukah **Rosh Chodesh Teves

Shabbos Mornings Kids' Programs: 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. Check in with Rabbi Smason or Howard Sandler and find a time when you can help. If you would like to receive SMS reminders for your minyan attendance, please send the following information to minyan@nhbz.org: Name; cell number and carrier; and times for which you would like reminders.

Congregation News

Mazel Tov on Simchas This Week! December 5 – December 11



Happy Birthday

Mayer Taller	December 7
Eldad Bialecki	December 9
Dr. Faye Cohen McCary	December 11
David Porter	December 11
Orly Shanker	December 11

Happy Anniversary

Milton & Tammy Sallis	December 7
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Events

Coming Soon

- Sunday, December 5
- Sunday, December 12
- Shabbos morning, December 18
- The Family Chanukah Party (tomorrow!)
- 116th Anniversary Event – LIVE & In-Person at the Clayton Plaza NEXT WEEK
- NHBZ is pleased to welcome special guest Rabbi Shmuel Miller, Headmaster of the H.F. Epstein Hebrew Academy

On-Going

- Online Classes
- Every Shabbos, 9:15 am
10:00 am
10:15 am
- Mondays, 8:00 pm
- Wednesdays, 12:15 pm
- Thursdays, 7:00 pm
- Saturday Nights, 7:30 pm
- Sundays, 9:00 am
- 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
- ChillZone with Rabbi Okin
- Teen Schmooze with Rabbi Okin – **Not on Dec 5, due to Chanukah party**

St. Louis Kollel Amud-A-Week at NHBZ

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



GLOW OF SUCCESS for **THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR POLICE/FIRE FIGHTERS**

Our team of hardworking and dedicated volunteers was led by **Stella Vladimirov**, who says:

"As it already started to be our tradition, our synagogue brought Hot Kosher Lunch to Olivette police/firefighters. Many thanks to our shul members who made it possible:

Norma Rubin, Leonid and Stella Vladimirov for cooking main dishes;
Jackie Berkin and Bob Kaiser for making desserts;
Sallie Volotzky for making a beautiful, oversized Thanksgiving card;
Rebbetzin Chani Smason, Rabbi Smason and Rabbi Okin for providing supervision in the kitchen;
Dr. Faye Cohen, Brian and Scott McCary for delivering the food."



Thank you, one and all, for your generosity in the name of NHBZ!

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.

In the Community

JSU 19th Annual Gala (Virtual Event) December 5

The Jewish Student Union (JSU) pays tribute to Dr. Jay Pepose & Dr. Susan Feigenbaum and Mr. Bob Hardcastle for all they have done to strengthen the St. Louis Jewish Community, its youth in particular. Please visit jsustl.org/galarsvp. For more information, please contact info@jsustl.org or call Rabbi Mike at 314-498-6279.

Youth Programming

Shabbos Morning Kids' Program, Every Shabbos

NHBZ offers Shabbos morning programs for elementary and middle school students. Programs offered 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!



ChillZone NEW! Saturday nights

Join children from around St. Louis, 5th grade and up, at NHBZ at 7:30 pm on Saturday nights for pizza, fun, and prizes while exploring Judaic topics with Rabbi Okin. Come get in the ChillZone.

Teen Schmooze, Sundays – **No Teen Schmooze Dec. 5**

"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 in the back of the NHBZ Sanctuary.** Breakfast will be served! For details, contact Rabbi Okin at aviokin@nhbz.org.

Trib-ute (trib'yoot)

A gift, payment, declaration, or other acknowledgement of gratitude, respect or admiration.

Make a tribute honor someone's simcha or good health or a loved one's memory.

Call or email the office to make a tribute – 991-2100, ext 2, or office@nhbz.org

Tributes will be listed monthly in the Shabbos bulletin.

Learning at NHBZ

● **Parashas Mikeitz – By Rabbi Smason**

Pharaoh has a two-part dream about seven scrawny cows devouring seven robust cows, followed by seven thin stalks of grain swallowing seven healthy, good ones. When his advisers are unable to adequately interpret the dream, Pharaoh summons Joseph, who had been in prison for a total of twelve years. Ascribing his power of interpretation solely to G-d, Joseph tells Pharaoh that Egypt will first experience seven years of abundant crops, and then will be ravaged by a devastating famine. Pharaoh appoints Joseph as viceroy of Egypt, making him the second most powerful man in the land (this is a source for the sport of tennis in the Torah -- we see that Joseph ... served in Pharaoh's court). Joseph's wife Asnat gives birth to two sons, Menashe and Ephraim, and the years of plenty and famine unfold just as Joseph had predicted. With the famine devastating the land of Canaan (Israel), Joseph's brothers descend to Egypt to purchase food. When they don't recognize their royal brother, Joseph sets in motion a plan to determine if the brothers have fully repented for their sin of selling him almost twenty-two years before. Joseph acts detached, accusing them of being spies, and holds Simeon hostage. Joseph then allows the rest of the brothers to go with food to their father on the condition that they return with their youngest brother Benjamin. With great reluctance, Jacob agrees to this condition. Mikeitz concludes with the looming threat that Benjamin will be made a slave to the Egyptian ruler.

Ask our Rabbis

Q: What is the origin of Baruch Tihyeh – “You should be blessed” when someone says Yasher Koach “May Your Strength Be True” to you for davening, chanting haftorah or other shul related participation? Are there other appropriate times when this is said?

A. The Gemara (Masseches Shabbos 87a) tells us that the source for the phrase of Yasher Koach is God’s response to Moshe breaking the Luchos, the Tablets containing the Ten Commandments (Exodus 34:1), which is alluded to by the word ‘Asher’ in the verse. Our Rabbis tell us that Hashem agreed with Moshe’s reasoning that the Jewish People were not ready to receive the Luchos. The Gemara does not make it clear whether Moshe had a response to God’s Yasher Koach, and it is not clear what the source is for the phrase “Baruch Tihyeh”. It seems to be an equivalent to returning the blessing, almost a blend of ‘Thank You’ and “You Are Welcome”. It is appropriate to return a blessing to one who paid him the blessing of “Yasher Koach.”

● **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:

December 4	Chanukah: How to Pick Great Heroes
December 11	Lend Me an Ear: Are You a Good Listener?
December 18	EQ: Can We Master Our Emotions?
December 25	The December Dilemma: Living Jewishly in a Non-Jewish World
January 1	Welcoming 2022: How to Begin Getting Happier
January 8	Living Inspired: How Can We "Capture the Wow" in Our Lives?



● **Rabbi Smason’s Wednesday In-Person Class**

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

● **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 in 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.

● 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

● Rabbi Okin's Torah Thoughts

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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 "Haftarah of the Week"
Zoom video link: <https://zoom.us/j/99013706617>



Preview of the Jewelry Auction at NHBZ's 116th Anniversary Banquet

Pearls of Wisdom

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Pearl Necklace



16" freshwater 6.5mm pearl necklace
with 14 k gold filigree clasp.

Retail value \$500.00

Opening bid: \$118.00

Pearl Bracelet

7" double strand white cultured freshwater
6-6.5 mm pearl bracelet with 14k white gold
filigree flower clasp.

Retail value \$600.00

Opening bid: \$154.00



Diamond Ring



Ladies diamond ring 14k two-tone
bezel set with 3 brilliant cut diamonds
at .60cttw SI-1 clarity, G color.

Retail value \$2000.00

Opening bid: \$613.00

Bonus! Highest bid entitles you to a Rabbi's class dedicated in your honor!

A reserve auction – If the high bid on each item does not reach the reserve amount, the seller reserves the right to reject all bids.



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— 2021 - 2022 —

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St. Louis

Girls & Boys
5th grade & up

Saturday nights
@ 7:30 pm

Need info? chillzone@thezone.org

Rabbi Avi Okin: 862-438-4094

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St. Louis, MO 63132



youth philanthropy

Be the Change in Your Community

Calling all teens!

Do you want to make the world better, have fun, learn new things, and meet new people?

The St. Louis Teen Tzedek Youth Philanthropy Program gives you the chance to make a difference by supporting the causes you care about.

Teen Tzedek is open to Jewish teens in grades 7 through 12.

HOW DOES TEEN TZEDEK WORK?

- Deposit \$18 a year into your Teen Tzedek account.
- Learn about philanthropy firsthand as you allocate funds from your Teen Tzedek account to charities and organizations that are important to you.
- Throughout the year, you will explore different causes that you're passionate about, as well as have opportunities to participate in social service projects.

Find out more and register for this fun and meaningful program
JFedSTL.org/Teen-Tzedek.

Have questions?

Jody Gerth will help at
JGerth@JFedSTL.org
or 314-442-3881.



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- Float in the Dead Sea
- Climb Masada at sunrise
- Ride a camel in the Negev Desert
- Surf in the Mediterranean
- Reflect at the Kotel, the Western Wall
- Hang out with Israeli teens
- AND much more!

Learn More

- VIEW ITINERARY, WATCH VIDEOS, & APPLY at JFedSTL.org/Israel-Bound.

*Discounted price includes \$750 travel grant available to all St. Louis teens and \$3,000 RootOne voucher (limited number of vouchers available). *RootOne is seeded through the generosity of The Marcus Foundation, and is powered by the Jewish Education Project.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Jody Gerth at 314-442-3881
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