



NHBZ Weekly News

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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February 19, 2022 • 18 Adar I, 5782 • Candle Lighting 5:24 pm • Shabbos Concludes 6:28pm

Parshas Ki Sisa
Haftorah

Exodus 30:11 – 34:35
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Chumash pp. 484 – 515
Chumash pp. 1161 – 1162

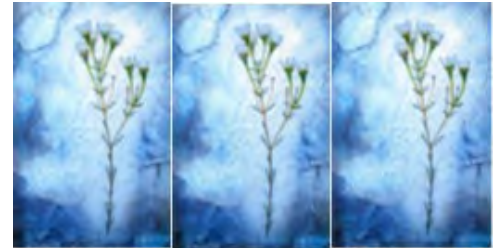
Prayer

Shabbos, Friday, February 18

- 5:20 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Ma'ariv
- 5:24 pm Candle Lighting

Shabbos, Saturday, February 19

- 9:00 am Shachris followed by Musaf
Pesukei D'Zimra: **Menachem Szus** Haftorah: **Dr. Naftali Kadosh**
Shacharis: **Rabbi Avi Okin** Sermon: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
Leyning: **Stuart Klamen** Musaf: **Rabbi Avi Okin**
- 10:00 am Kids' Program (downstairs)
- 10:15 am "Starting Points" with Rabbi Ze'ev Smason (downstairs)
- 5:10 pm Mincha, Shalosh Seudos, D'var Torah by **Rabbi Avi Okin**, Ma'ariv
- 6:28 pm Shabbos concludes



Minyan Times February 17 – February 26, 2022

	Thu Feb 17	Fri Feb 18	Shabbos Feb 19	Sun Feb 20	Mon Feb 21	Tues Feb 22	Wed Feb 23	Thu Feb 24	Fri Feb 25	Shabbos Feb 26
Shachris (am)	7:00	7:00	9:00	8:00	8:00*	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	9:00
Mincha/Ma'ariv (pm)	--	5:20	5:10	5:25	5:25	--	--	--	5:25	5:15
Ma'ariv Only (pm)	6:45	--	--	--	--	6:45	6:45	6:45	--	--

Call for Minyanim – Your attendance is needed

Please check in with Rabbi Smason or Howard Sandler and commit to a time to help. Text message reminders for your minyan attendance are available. Please provide the following information to minyan@nhbz.org: Name; cell number and carrier; and times for which you would like reminders.

Shabbos Mornings Kids' Programs

Every Shabbos, from 10:00 am until Kiddush is served, NHBZ offers programs for elementary and middle school students. Families do NOT need to be members of NHBZ to participate. See you Shabbos!

Congregation News

Mazel Tov on Simchas This Week! February 20 – February 26

Happy Birthday

Ed Levitt	February 20
Andrew Epstein	February 21
Adira Tzivia Friedman	February 24
Larry Chervitz	February 25
Karen Zeff	February 25

Happy Anniversary

Jerome & Frances Cohen February 21



GLOW OF SUCCESS Saturday Night Pizza

Success appears in many forms. Brightening a sold out Pizza Night, success especially glowed in the form of PATIENCE. A heartfelt THANK YOU to our gracious patrons! And, thank you to our volunteers, **Mark Ragin** and **Nancy Rush**, and pizza crew **Allan Swan** and **Teretha Carter**.

Events

Coming Soon

- Saturday night, February 19 – Special ChillZone Carnival, starting at 7:45 pm

On-Going

- Online Classes – See listing on Page 6
- Every Shabbos – Learners' Service with Rabbi David, 9:15 am
- Saturday Nights, 7:30 pm – Shabbos Morning Kids' Program, 10:00 am (downstairs)
- Sunday mornings, after Shachris – Starting Points with Rabbi Smason, 10:15 am (downstairs)
- Mondays, 8:00 pm – "Bitachon: Relying on G-d to Get Through Tough Times", with Rabbi Okin at Shalosh Seudos
- Wednesdays, 12:15 pm – ChillZone with Rabbi Okin
- Thursdays, 7:00 pm – Mishna learning with Rabbi Swidler
- St. Louis Kollel Amud-A-Week
- Pirkei Avos Class with Rabbi Smason
- Mishmar Learning with Rabbi Okin



Ladies & Gentlemen, kindly step aside,
because this one is for ...

KIDS, 'TWEENS AND TEENS

The MOST FANTASTIC AMAZING SUPER-DUPER

ChillZone Carnival

7:45 pm THIS SATURDAY NIGHT!

*CONTESTS *GAMES *FOOD *PRIZES

Lots of BOOTHS with FUN and CHALLENGES
(See full sized flyer below)

PURIM IS COMING !!!

Purim commemorates the salvation of the Jewish people in Ancient Persia from Haman's plot to kill all Jews in a single day. Set in Persia 2,300 years ago, the "Megillah" tells how a seemingly unrelated series of events spun together to save the Jewish people from annihilation. Purim is Judaism's most dramatic, fun-filled holiday. Here are the mitzvot and customs of Purim at NHBZ:

1. Read the Book of Esther - Mitzvah of Mikra Megillah

It is a Mitzvah to hear the Megillah read twice. Bring your kids and family!

Wednesday, March 16	Thursday, March 17
6:35 pm Mincha	6:30 am Shacharis
7:55 pm Ma'ariv	7:00 am Megillah Reading
8:05 pm Megillah Reading	

2. Give Charity to the Poor - Mitzvah of Matanot I'Evyonim

Od Yosef Chai - For several years, NHBZ has collected money for Od Yosef Chai, an organization that distributes money to the poor in Israel. Make checks payable to Rabbi's Charity Fund and bring or send them to our office. To donate by credit card, please call 314-991-2100, ext. 2. The deadline for contributions is Monday, March 14th.

3. Send Gifts to Friends - Mitzvah of Mishloach Manot

Fulfill the mitzvah of Mishloach Manos! Give actual gifts of food to at least two friends... then send our **PURIM CARDS** to everyone else!! All proceeds will benefit our NHBZ Chesed Fund. Cards may be purchased through our office for \$12.50 per pack of 5 cards with envelopes.

4. Fast of Esther

To commemorate the day of prayer and fasting that the Jews held in the Book of Esther, we fast on the day before Purim, Wednesday, March 16th beginning at 6:00 a.m. and concluding at 7:51 p.m.

5. Eat a festive Purim meal - Mitzvah of Seudah Purim

Thursday night, March 17th

6:00 pm – Mincha

TBD - Purim Seudah, Hi-Jinks, and FUN for all !!!

Dinner, Whiskey Slush, PLUS Hamantaschen!!! Details coming soon!

Ma'ariv following Seudah.

RSVPs WILL BE REQUIRED FOR DINNER
Stay tuned for details! Watch for next planning meeting
SPONSORS REQUESTED ~ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Hamantaschen Tasting Raffle – A little nosh for a good cause

We found commercially made Hamantaschen but can't serve them until we know they're good!! If you'd like to help us with this difficult task, we are raffling a taste-tester slot!! The lucky winner will join us to determine whether these are up to our tastebud snuff! AND, you get to take home the leftovers from the tasting! Yum Yum Yum

A donation of \$1/raffle ticket, please. NO LIMIT. This will cover the costs of our samples, and excess funds will go into the General Fund to support the Shul.

All entries MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE 2:00 pm Wednesday, February 22, 2022, and the winner announced in next week's Weekly News!! Please call or email the office today for your raffle tickets!



Youth Programming

- Shabbos Morning Kids' Program, Rabbi Okin

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 Saturday nights

Join kids 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 will resume in the Spring.)

Learning at NHBZ

- Parashas Ki Sisa – By Rabbi Smason

The portion begins with G-d's command to Moses to take a census by collecting an equal contribution of a half-shekel coin from every adult male between the ages of 20 and 60, with the profits going to the Mishkan (Tabernacle). G-d designates Betzalel, of the tribe of Judah, and Oholiav, of the tribe of Dan, to supervise the upcoming construction of the Mishkan. The mitzvah of Shabbat is then repeated to caution the nation that even the construction of the Mishkan does not supersede the observance of the weekly day of rest. The Torah returns to the narrative of the Revelation at Mt. Sinai and describes the horrible sin of the golden calf. G-d relents to Moses' prayer that the Children of Israel should be spared from annihilation for this great transgression, and Moses descends from the mountain with the two tablets of the Ten Commandments in hand. Upon witnessing a small segment of the population dancing around the golden calf, Moses smashes the tablets and burns the idol, initiating the process of repentance. Moses again ascends the mountain to pray to G-d that the Jewish people should be forgiven and regain their status as the chosen people. Moses eventually returns with the second set of tablets and a renewed covenant with G-d, his face radiant as a result of the Divine experience.

Learning at NHBZ (con't)

Ask Our Rabbis

Question: What are The Four Parshios?

Answer: The Sages instituted four special Torah readings on four different Shabbats during the Purim season. These readings are read as the Maftir portion in the synagogue on Shabbos morning, immediately following the weekly parsha.

1. PARSHAS SHEKALIM

Exodus 30:11-16 is read in commemoration of the Half Shekel which every Jew brought during the month of Adar, to pay for the public offerings in the Holy Temple. This portion is read on the Shabbos preceding Rosh Chodesh Adar (or Adar II in a leap year).

2. PARSHAS ZACHOR

The Shabbos immediately preceding Purim is called Shabbos Zachor. The portion of Amalek (Deut. 25:17-19) is read, since Haman was a descendant of Agag, King of Amalek. One should be very careful to listen to all the words since most halachic authorities consider it a Torah-level mitzvah to hear this portion once each year. Zachor means to remember, and the Torah commands us to "remember what Amalek did to you on your way out of Egypt" (Deut. 25:17). It is the widespread custom for women to attend synagogue and hear the reading.

3. PARSHAS PARAH

Parshas Parah (Numbers 19:1-22) is read on the Shabbos following Purim. These verses deal with the Red Heifer used in the spiritual purification process at the time of the Holy Temple. This issue is important at this season of the year, since in looking forward to Pesach, every Jew is careful to maintain spiritual purity in order to partake in the holiday offerings. Many authorities regard this reading as a Torah precept.

4. PARSHAS HACHODESH

Finally, on the Shabbos preceding Rosh Chodesh Nissan, we read the special Maftir from Exodus 12:1-20. These verses contain the commandment to make Nissan the head of all months. This was the first mitzvah given to the Jewish people while still in Egypt.

● 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 7:00pm – 7:30pm. ***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.

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, 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.

Masks required of all attendees, age 3 and older. Children aged 12 and older have the same vaccination requirements as adults.

● 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:

- February 19 How Much Would You Pay for an Extra Hour Each Day?
- February 26 Rethinking Stress: Can You Find the Upside of Pressure?
- March 5 How Does Music Enhance Your Life?
- March 12 Purim & Joy: Finding Rules for a Happy Life
- March 19 Are People Born Nice or Nasty?
- March 26 The Best Ways to Deal with Disappointment and Failure

● Rabbi Smason's Wednesday In-Person Class

Same place and time, same health and safety protocols.

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



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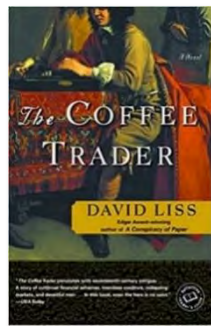
February 21 is President's Day!

For Jews, Presidents Day has a special meaning. Both Washington and Lincoln were remarkable friends of American Jews, and their lives and careers resonate as models for religious liberty and the treatment of minorities. In 1790 Washington's letter to the Touro Synagogue in Newport, R.I. affirmed religious liberty in America. Lincoln gave "bigotry no sanction" and "persecution no assistance." Both built strong records of judging people by their abilities and contributions to the nation, and not by their religion. *—[Paul Finkelman]*

"Faith does not mean certainty. It means the courage to live with uncertainty. It does not mean having the answers, it means having the courage to ask the questions and not let go of G-d, as He does not let go of us. It means realizing that G-d creates Divine justice but only we, acting in accord with His word, can create human justice – and our very existence means that this is what G-d wants us to do." – from "To Heal a Fractured World," by **Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks**^{Z"l}

Book Club News

The next meeting of the Book Club will be **Mon., March 28, 7:15-8:45 PM**, at the home of Devy Goldenberg. The book is **"The Coffee Trader,"** by David Liss – a compelling novel about capitalism, greed, morality, intrigue, the Jewish community, and a new commodity called "coffee", in 17th century Amsterdam.



The Book Club will meet on the **fourth Monday of odd-numbered months, 7:15-8:45 PM.**

Make a note of the remaining dates for **2022: March 28, May 23, July 25, Sept. 19, Nov. 28.**

For more information, or to join the Book Club contact **Fran Alper at 314-993-4024** or email fran.alper@outlook.com

Sisterhood Needs YOU in 2022!

Thank you to the 17 enthusiastic women who attended our 2022 planning meeting and are committed to carrying out Sisterhood's mission. Couldn't make the Feb. 7 meeting? Don't worry! In the coming weeks, stay tuned for more information about our ideas, including a social event, cookbook proposal, and a chesed project. We look forward to hearing your ideas and encourage you to join us in our return to normalcy! For more info: sisterhood@nhbz.org



Parshah Ki Tisa: *Including Everyone*

Many topics appear in this week's Parshah. There is the story of making the Golden Calf, and of how Moses pleaded with G-d for forgiveness on behalf of his people. But before these major events there is a passage we might miss. This tells us something about the way the Torah sees the Jewish community.

This concerns the preparation of the beautiful aromatic incense that was burned on the small golden altar in the Sanctuary, and later in the Temple, every day of the year.

As explained by the Sages, there are altogether eleven ingredients in the incense. However, when we look closely at these, there is something puzzling. One would expect the fragrance of each of the ingredients to be of the best. So it was, with one exception. Called *chelbona* (galbanum) this in fact had a rather unpleasant odor.

Why would such an ingredient be included in the incense for the Temple? The Torah makes clear that each one is essential: if any one ingredient were missing the whole mixture would be invalid.

From this we learn a powerful lesson. The Sages tell us that the different ingredients of the incense represent the different types of Jew. The poor smelling spice represents the person whose deeds are less than perfect. He may even be in various ways a transgressor, a person whose life is unfortunately at variance with Torah teaching. The incense tells us that he is as much part of the Jewish people as anyone else. In fact, if he is missing, if we let him feel remote and excluded, then we are not functioning properly as a people.

This relates also to the theme later in the Parshah: asking G-d for forgiveness. The Rabbis state that on a fast day, when we are all pleading to G-d for mercy, the "transgressors" must also be present. At the beginning of the Kol Nidrei service we announce this. We are one people together, and only by being one can we come closer to G-d.

From the point of view of G-d, everyone belongs.

–by *Dr. Tali Loewenthal*, www.chabad.org



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