



NHBZ Weekly News

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion
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March 12, 2022 • 9 Adar II, 5782 • Candle Lighting 5:46 pm • Shabbos Concludes 6:50pm

Parshas Vayikra
 Maftir: Parshas Zachor
 Haftorah

Leviticus 1:1 – 5:26
 Deuteronomy 25:17 – 19
 1 Samuel 15:2 – 34

Chumash pp. 544 – 566
 Chumash p. 1066
 Chumash pp. 1214 – 1216

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by **Reuven & Margo Tzadok** in memory of Reuven's beloved parents, **Haviv & Miriam Tzadok**^{Z"l}, and **Shirley Langfeld**^{Z"l}, Margo's beloved mother.

Prayer

Shabbos, Friday, March 11

- 5:45 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Ma'ariv
- 5:46 pm Candle Lighting

Shabbos, Saturday, March 12

- 9:00 am Shachris followed by Musaf
 Pesukei D'Zimra: **Menachem Szus** Haftorah: **Reuven Tzadok**
 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)
- 5:35 pm Mincha, Shalosh Seudos, D'var Torah by **Rabbi Avi Okin**, Ma'ariv
- 6:50 pm Shabbos concludes



Minyan Times March 10 – March 19, 2022

	Thu Mar 10	Fri Mar 11	Shabbos Mar 12	Sun Mar 13*	Mon Mar 14	Tues Mar 15	Wed Mar 16**	Thu Mar 17***	Fri Mar 18	Shabbos Mar 19
Shachris (am)	7:00	7:00	9:00	8:00	7:00	7:00	6:45	6:30	7:00	9:00
Mincha/Ma'ariv (pm)	--	5:45	5:35	6:50	6:50	6:50	6:35	6:00	6:50	6:40
Ma'ariv Only (pm)	6:45	--	--	--	--	--	7:55	***	--	--

*DST begins ** Fast of Esther *** Purim (Ma'ariv follows Seudah)

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! March 14 – March 19, 2022

Happy Birthday

Rebecca Liberman March 14
 Alex Lyss March 14
 Jack Lyss March 14



Happy Anniversary

David & Lisa Gellman March 15
 Menachem & Linda Szus March 19

***Oops! We missed Rabbi Okin's birthday (March 10) - Happy Birthday, Rabbi!!**

Events

Coming Soon

- Sunday, March 13, 2:00 am – DST begins; spring clocks ahead one hour
- Monday, March 14 – Last day for *Od Yosef Chai* contributions
- Wednesday, March 16, 8:05 pm – Megillah Reading
- Thursday, March 17, 7:00 am – Megillah Reading
- Thursday, March 17, 6:15 pm – Purim Seudah – Mazal Tov! SOLD OUT
- Sunday, March 27 – Pizza Night (Carry-out only)

On-Going

- Online Classes – See listing on Page 7
- Every Shabbos – Learners' Service with Rabbi David, 9:15 am
- Shabbos Morning Kids' Program, 10:00 am (downstairs)
- Starting Points with Rabbi Smason, 10:15 am (downstairs)
- "Bitachon: Relying on G-d to Get Through Tough Times", with Rabbi Okin at Shalosh Seudos
- Saturday Nights, 7:30 pm – ChillZone with Rabbi Okin - End of Season Ice Cream Party
- Sunday mornings, after Shachris – Mishna learning with Rabbi Swidler
- Mondays, 8:00 pm – St. Louis Kollel Amud-A-Week
- Wednesdays, 12:15 pm – Pirkei Avos Class with Rabbi Smason
- Thursdays, 7:00 pm – Mishmar Learning with Rabbi Okin
- Clean Speech STL, March – Community Initiative (See Page 5)

PURIM IS HERE !!!

- **GLOW OF SUCCESS** – Purim Seudah is SOLD OUT!! Mazal Tov!
- There is STILL TIME to pick up Purim Cards! Add to the mitzvah of *Mishloach Manos* (the cards do not fulfill the mitzvah!) and the proceeds fund NHBZ Chesed activities!
 - 5-card pack (envelopes included) \$12.50
 - Purchase 30 or more cards, \$2.00 each

Contact the office for your cards: 314-991-2100, ext 2 or office@nhbz.org

PURIM !!!

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

6:15 SHARP - Purim Seudah, Hi-Jinks, and FUN for all!!!

Dinner, Whiskey Slush, PLUS Hamantaschen!!!

Ma'ariv following Seudah

RSVPs REQUIRED FOR DINNER – Limited Seating SOLD OUT!
SPONSORS REQUESTED!

NEW SHUL POLICY – Patio Doors to Remain Closed during Prayer Services

Effective immediately, the "back doors" to the Sanctuary (those which lead to the Kaiser Patio) will remain CLOSED and LOCKED during tefilla/prayer services. If and when it is permissible to have them open, one of the Rabbis, the president or a staff member will open them. We thank you for your cooperation with the policies established to protect our health and safety. Be well!

A Message from Rabbi Smason – Purim!

With the festive holiday of Purim fast approaching, I'm writing to remind you of the time-sensitive mitzvah of *Matanos L'Evyonim* -- tzedaka (charity) to the poor. For many years, we at NHBZ have collected *Matanos L'Evyonim* in conjunction with the worthy organization *Od Yosef Chai*. Our special arrangement with Od Yosef enables me to distribute locally half of all money collected. The remaining half supports our Jewish brethren in Jerusalem and elsewhere. All money pledged and collected for *Matanos L'Evyonim* is distributed on Purim. This year, Purim takes place on March 16 and 17, so **please make your contribution on or before Monday, March 14.**

Your donation of \$10, \$18, \$36, \$54, \$100 - or whatever amount you care to give-- will make a significant difference to those in need and enable you to fulfill the precious Purim mitzvah of *Matanos L'Evyonim*. Checks can be made out to 'Rabbi's Charity Fund'

PIZZA NIGHT – Sunday, March 27 – Pre-Ordered and Carry-out Only

Cheese pizza or any toppings (onion, mushrooms, green peppers or pineapple), uncooked or fresh and hot from our oven, \$14 per pie. First pick-up is **5:30 pm**, first-come-first-served.

Orders must be placed by **Noon, Wednesday, March 23, and prepaid**. Please email orders to office@nhbz.org or call 314-991-2100, ext. 2, and be sure to give us your phone number.

You may pay online here: <https://www.nhbz.org/make-a-payment-2/>

All food under supervision of Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

NHBZ Updated COVID Policy

Dear Members and Friends,

With thanks to HaShem, the current situation in the St. Louis County area now allows some relaxation of our health-protection protocols. Beginning on Purim (March 16, Wednesday evening) we at NHBZ can transition to a "Mask-Recommended" policy.

- 1) For those congregants who wish to mask, a surgical, KN95 or N95 mask is recommended.
- 2) With masking being optional, it is imperative that congregants be responsible for and to each other. If a congregant has a known recent exposure or even marginal symptoms, it is important that they follow CDC guidelines with respect to quarantining or isolating and testing. The same goes for any congregants testing positive.
- 3) Masking of concerned or at-risk congregants is welcomed, and those choosing to mask should be treated respectfully. A 'masking-only' area in both the men's and women's section will be set aside for tefila / prayer services on Purim and Shabbos.
- 4) Children aged 12 and older have the same requirements as adults. Children under age 12 who are not vaccinated must wear a mask; under age 3 no mask needed.
- 5) Participation in indoor tefila / prayer services and programs will continue to require proof of vaccination be shown for those members and guests who haven't already done so through Rabbi Smason.
- 6) As always, we will continue to monitor health and safety related issues closely. In consultation with our shul's medical advisors, policies may change as circumstances dictate.

With blessings for good health,

Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

Ask Our Rabbis

Q. May I listen to a recorded reading of Megillas Esther this Purim to fulfill my obligation to hear the Megillah as opposed to attending a live reading?

A. The Shulchan Aruch (OC 690:18) says that one should listen to the Megillah reading in the presence of a Minyan, although one will fulfill the Mitzvah when reading the Megillah alone from a proper scroll. This reflects the concept that B'rov Am Hadras Melech- In multitudes there is glorification of the king (Mishlei 14:28), which means that Hashem is glorified more when Jews come together to perform a Mitzvah.

The Poskim discuss whether one will fulfill this Mitzvah if he hears it through a microphone. Although it is beyond the scope of this column to fully discuss the issue, the consensus among modern Halachic authorities is that using a microphone is not ideal, and as a last resort one would be able to listen over the phone/Zoom when no other options are available. This presumes that the listener is hearing the Megillah being read in real time, as the Chazon Ish indicates that the issue with hearing a recording is that the listener isn't participating in the live Mitzvah being performed. In sum, participating in the Megillah reading at your local Orthodox synagogue (NHBZ) is the ideal way to fulfill the Mitzvah of hearing the Megillah.

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 – **Last One for the Season!****

Join kids from around St. Louis, 5th grade and up, at NHBZ at 7:30 pm on Saturday night for pizza, fries, ice cream, fun, and prizes while exploring Judaic topics with Rabbi Okin. Come get in the ChillZone. (**Teen Schmooze** will resume in the Spring.)

In the Community

- **Shabbos, March 12**

Rabbi Shmuel and Chana Greenwald invite the community to a kiddush to celebrate the marriage of their daughter Esti, to Ezra Wolf. The kiddush will be at U. City Shul after tefilla (Aprox. 11:15) parshas V'yikra. Mazal Tov!

- **Clean Speech St. Louis A month-long Initiative**

This 30-day social media mindfulness challenge aims to unite us through the ancient Jewish teachings of Lashon Hara (gossip and slander) which you'll learn is a lot more than just speech. Watch our daily lessons by signing up today at www.cleanspeechstl.com, you can also find us on Facebook, Instagram or YouTube by searching for @CSSTL or Clean Speech St Louis. **Clean Speech St Louis Speaking Better. Together.**

Learning at NHBZ

● Parshas Vayikra / Zachor – By Rabbi Smason

This Shabbos marks the beginning of our reading the third book of the Torah, Sefer Vayikra which deals primarily with the services and responsibilities of the Kohanim. This week's portion focuses on many of the korbanos (offerings) to be brought in the newly-constructed Mishkan. Parshas Vayikra begins with G-d calling Moses into the Mishkan where he will receive many relevant mitzvos to be ultimately passed on to the Jewish people. The first half of the Torah portion describes the various optional korbanos brought by individuals. They can be classified into three general categories, each one comprised of several gradations in size and expense; the *korban olah* (elevation offering) which is completely consumed on the altar; the *korban mincha* (meal offering) which, because of its inexpensive contents is usually brought by someone of modest means; and the *korban shelamim* (peace offering) partially burned on the altar, with the remainder divided between the owners and the Kohanim. The second half of the portion (beginning with chapter four) discusses the required *chatos* (sin) and *asham* (guilt) offerings to be brought as atonement for unintentional transgressions.

This Shabbos we have a special, additional Torah reading, Parshas Zachor. That text (Devarim, 25: 17-19) teaches us the mitzva to remember to wipe out Amalek.

NHBZ Needs YOU!

NHBZ is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 52 weeks per year; We need your help; whatever your skills, we have an opportunity for you: office work, cooking, pickup and delivery, repairs, Pizza night, Sukkah raising, outreach committee, building committee, you-name-it!

If you see an event listed in the Weekly News, we need volunteers! Please contact the office (314-991-2100, ext 2, or email office@nhbz.org) with your availability and how you would like to contribute.

This is OUR community. This is OUR shul. These are OUR responsibilities and privileges. Coming together, in good times and hard ones, is the blessing of community. Share your heart and hands with us. Volunteer today.



● 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.

● 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:

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| 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 |

Learning at NHBZ (con't)

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

Same place and time, same health and safety protocols.

- **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 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**

The complete list of Torah Thoughts, with most recent listed first, can be found at: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLI_MFI0zsmKJG-HuXMG1Ej2aUImqQHkJ-



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

Be Happy, it's Adar!

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Megillas Esther at approx. 7:00 am.
Mincha at 6:00 pm followed at 6:15 by

SEUDAH

Costume Contest & Schtick Nite

Join Us! Thursday, March 17

The Four Mitzvos of Purim
Seudas Purim ✦ Matanos l'Evyonim ✦ Mikrah Megillah ✦ Mishloach Manos

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

A Stiff-Necked People

...Not by accident does the main narrative of the Book of Esther begin with the words "And Mordechai would not bow down" (Esther 3:1). His refusal to make obeisance to Haman sets the story in motion. Mordechai too is obstinate – for there is one thing that is hard to do if you have a stiff neck, namely, bow down. At times, Jews found it hard to bow down to G-d – but they were certainly never willing to bow down to anything less. That is why, alone of all the many peoples who have entered the arena of history, Jews – even in exile, dispersed, and everywhere a minority – neither assimilated to the dominant culture nor converted to the majority faith.

"Forgive them *because* they are a stiff-necked people," said Moses, because the time will come when that stubbornness will be not a tragic failing but a noble and defiant loyalty. And so it came to be.

– excerpted from **Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks**^{Z"l}, Covenant & Conversation



Join Us For Purim!

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FAST OF ESTHER:
Wednesday, March 16
Fast begins: 6:00 AM
Fast ends: 7:51 PM

Wednesday March 16th

Mincha 6:35 pm | Ma'ariv at 7:55 pm

Reading of

Megillas Esther at 8:05 pm



Thursday March 17th

Megillas Esther at approx. 7:00 am.

Mincha at 6:00 pm followed at 6:15 by



SEUDAH

Costume Contest & Schtick Nite

Featuring:

A Delicious & Festive Meal prepared especially for you by our chefs and crew. **followed by Ma'ariv**
The Festivities would not be complete without our famous costume contests! So Dress Up as your favorite Purim character or ... others. And don't forget to Get your 'schtick' together. **Costume Contest:** Competition in 3 categories - Children, Adults, Couples/Family **Schtick:** Skits, Games, Poems, Jokes, Musical Entertainment, Etc. 3-5 minutes max. Enter with the title of 'Your Schtick' to Office@nhbz.org.

LIMITED SEATING, ACT FAST! RSVP'S BY MARCH 12TH

SOLD OUT!!!
\$18 - Adults; \$15 - Kids (4-11); Family cap: \$62
\$18 - Adults; \$18 - Kids (4-11); Family cap: \$87

RSVP BY MARCH 12TH 991-2100 EXT: 2

**Covid protocols in place and proof of vaccination for those 12 and older.
Masks required of all attendees, age 3 and older.**



It's time for the
END OF SEASON

**ICE CREAM
PARTY**



March 12th

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