



# NHBZ Weekly News

## Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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March 19, 2022 • 16 Adar II, 5782 • Candle Lighting 6:53 pm • Shabbos Concludes 7:57 pm

Parshas Tzav  
Haftorah

Leviticus 6:1 – 8:36  
Jeremiah 7:21 – 8:3, 9:22, 23

Chumash pp. 568 – 587  
Chumash pp. 1167 – 1168

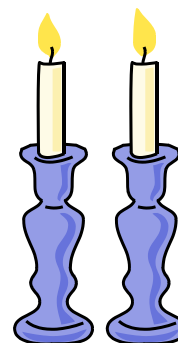
## Prayer

### Shabbos, Friday, March 18

- 6:50 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Ma'ariv
- 6:53 pm Candle Lighting

### Shabbos, Saturday, March 19

- 9:00 am Shachris followed by Musaf  
Pesukei D'Zimra: **Menachem Szus** Haftorah: **Bruce Waxman**  
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)
- 6:40 pm Mincha, Shalosh Seudos, D'var Torah by **Rabbi Avi Okin**, Ma'ariv
- 7:57 pm Shabbos concludes



### Minyan Times March 17 – March 26, 2022

	Thu Mar 17*	Fri Mar 18	Shabbos Mar 19	Sun Mar 20	Mon Mar 21	Tues Mar 22	Wed Mar 23	Thu Mar 24	Fri Mar 25	Shabbos Mar 26
Shachris (am)	6:30	7:00	9:00	8:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	9:00
Mincha/Ma'ariv (pm)	6:00	6:50	6:40	6:55	6:55	6:55	6:55	6:55	6:55	6:45

\*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!

### Rabbinical Candidate Weekends – Shabbos April 1 and Shabbos April 29, 2022

Your participation and feedback are vital as we choose our next Rabbi. Please mark your calendars, and plan to attend when the candidates and their families join us to meet the community, lead us in prayer and spend the weekend together. Shabbos April 1 brings the first candidate. Members will receive an email with details.

# Congregation News

## Mazel Tov on Simchas This Week! March 20 – March 26, 2022

### **Happy Birthday**

Danielle Bialecki	March 21
Jackie Gitel	March 21
Marcia Lyons	March 24
Alla Yasinev	March 26



### **Happy Anniversary**

Norman & Linda Shore	March 20
Ronald & Ina Makovsky	March 25
Stanley & Rhonnie Goldfader	March 25

*\*A very happy (albeit belated) anniversary to Dan & Melanie Winograd! (March 13)*

## Events

### **Coming Soon**

- Sunday, March 27
- Shabbos weekend, April 1
- Pizza Night (Carry-out only)
- First Rabbinical Search Candidate Weekend! Mark your calendars (full details to follow)

### **On-Going**

- Online Classes
- Every Shabbos
- Sunday mornings, after Shachris
- Sunday Nights, 6:00 pm
- Mondays, 8:00 pm
- Wednesdays, 12:15 pm
- Thursdays, 7:45 pm
- Clean Speech STL, March
- See listing on Page 5
- 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
- Mishna learning with Rabbi Swidler
- "The Schmooze" with Rabbi Okin
- St. Louis Kollel Amud-A-Week
- Pirkei Avos Class with Rabbi Smason
- Mishmar Learning with Rabbi Okin
- Community Initiative (See Page 4)

## **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 tefila/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!

### **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**. No walk-ins. Please email orders to [office@nhbz.org](mailto: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

NHBZ welcomes you! Masks are strongly recommended (specifically, KN95 or N95), and optional. It is imperative that congregants be responsible for and to each other. If you have had any known recent exposure or even marginal symptoms, PLEASE follow CDC guidelines with respect to quarantining or isolating/testing. We MUST take care of each other!

No matter your personal masking choice (to wear or not to wear), everyone will be treated respectfully. We have a "masking only" area set aside (for both men and women) for tefila/prayer services.

Participation in indoor tefila/prayer services and programs requires proof of vaccination be shown to Rabbi Smason.

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.

## With blessings for good health!

### Ask Our Rabbis

Q. My mother loves touring and sightseeing, and she wants to go see the Acropolis in Athens. Given that many people believed in mythological gods at the time the Acropolis was built, is there a problem going there or not?

A: It's doubtful that people believe in Greek mythology anymore, and highly doubtful that people are actively worshipping Greek gods there. *Bittul* -- nullification -- has the effect of 'cancelling' idolatry so that certain limited uses then become permissible. One can assume that there are people who over the years have treated this sight with disrespect\*, which is automatically a *bittul*. Furthermore, the fact that the Acropolis is a ruin which is not being rebuilt constitutes a *bittul* of the idolatry. If your mother wants to go and see the Acropolis then she may do so. But as long as she's going to Greece -- have her hop on over to Israel for a visit!

\* The writer of this 'Ask the Rabbi' once played Frisbee on the Acropolis grounds. Shhh!

## 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](mailto: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.



# 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](mailto:aviokin@nhbz.org) with any questions. See you on Shabbos!



- **The Schmooze** – Sunday Nights

Join kids from around St. Louis, 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up, at NHBZ at 6:00 pm on Sunday nights for a discussion-based Torah learning session with Rabbi Okin.

# In the Community

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

30-day social media mindfulness challenge aims to unite us through the ancient Jewish teachings of Lashon Hara (gossip and slander). Watch our daily lessons by signing up today at [www.cleanspeechstl.com](http://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.**

- **Men's Mikvah Hours – Staenberg Building**

To accommodate the time change, beginning March 18, the hours for men's mikvah use is 2:00–4:00 pm.

# Learning at NHBZ

- **Parshas Tzav** – By Rabbi Smason

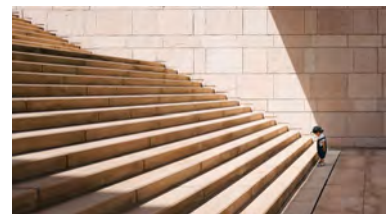
The portion begins with G-d continuing to teach Moses many of the laws relating to the Mishkan service. However, while last week's portion described the korbanos (offerings) from the perspective of the giver, this week the Torah focuses more directly on the Kohanim, providing details about their service. After first describing the maintenance of the fire which burned on the altar, the Torah discusses the various kinds of korbanos which Aaron, his sons, and the succeeding generations of Kohanim would be offering. The offerings must be brought with the proper intention and eaten in a state of spiritual purity. Finally, Moses performs the lengthy consecration service of the Mishkan, and anoints Aaron and his sons for their service in the Mishkan, in front of the entire congregation of Israel.

- **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 19 | Are People Born Nice or Nasty?                        |
| March 26 | The Best Ways to Deal with Disappointment and Failure |





# Learning at NHBZ (con't)

## ● 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 7:45 pm – 8:15 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](mailto:aviokin@nhbz.org).

## ● 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](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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# HAPPY PURIM!



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**PURIM IS Here! PURIM IS Here! PURIM IS Here! PURIM IS Here! PURIM IS Here! PURIM IS Here!**

Join Sisterhood at NHBZ's Purim Seudah – Costume Contest & Schtick Nite – Thursday, March 17, at 6:30PM

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## PURIM JOKEs...



Husband: These orthodox shoes are great

Wife: You mean "orthopedic" shoes

Husband: I stand corrected.



Jean-Paul Sartre is sitting at a French cafe, revising his draft of *Being and Nothingness*. He says to the waitress, "I'd like a cup of coffee, please, with no cream."

The waitress replies, "I'm sorry, monsieur, but we're out of cream. How about with no milk?"



Doctor Levenson is on his way to a dinner where he will be speaking, and scribbles some notes for himself, but when he gets up to speak, he cannot read his own handwriting! In a panic, he scans the audience and says: Is there a pharmacist in the house?



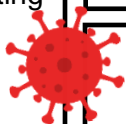
**Q:** What do anti-vaxers and anti-drinkers have in common ?

**Hint:** You have one shot at answering this question.



## ONE LINERS...

- When life gives you melons, you're dyslexic.
- For every action, there is an equal and opposite criticism.
- Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.
- Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
- Did you hear about the two silk worms in a race? It ended in a tie!
- Don't you hate it when somebody answers their questions? I do.
- The future, the present and the past walked into a bar. Things got a little tense.
- Yesterday I accidentally swallowed some food coloring. The doctor says I'm OK, but I feel like I've dyed a little inside.
- I hope the guy who inverted autocorrect burns in Hello!
- I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down.



The problem with the American two-party system is that everyone agrees one political party is stupid and the other party is evil.

But they violently disagree about which one is which.



A Surgeon, an engineer, and a politician were arguing as to which profession is the oldest profession in the world.

"Well," argued the Surgeon, "G-d created Eve from Adam's rib by performing surgery, so I am sure that mine is the oldest profession."

"No," said the engineer, "before life began there was complete chaos, and it took an engineer to create some semblance of order from this chaos. So engineering is older."

"But," chirped the triumphant politician, "who do you think created the chaos?"



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## MORE PURIM HIJINKS



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### IT'S PURIM – PUT ON YOUR MASK! 🎭

#### The confession

Two five-year-olds, one Jewish, the other Catholic, are playing in a sandpit. Sean says to David, "Our priest knows more about things than your rabbi!"

To which David replies, "Of course he does, you tell him everything."



#### The yiddish speaker

Sadie, an elderly lady, goes up to a man at a bus stop in Boro Park. She tugs on the sleeve of his coat and asks, "Farshtayn Yiddish?"

The man answers, "Yes, Ich Farshtayn."

Sadie then says, "Vot Time is It?"



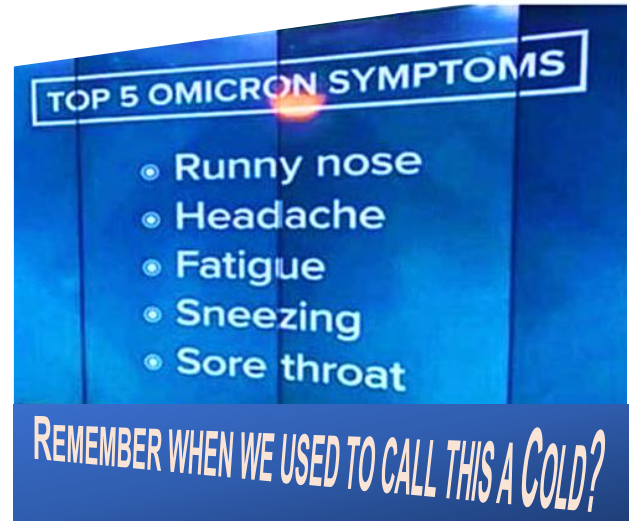
#### Midnight lecture

A Jewish man is speeding the highway at 1 a.m. A policeman stops him and asks, "Where are you racing at this hour?"

"To a lecture," the man responds.

"Who will give you a lecture at this hour," the policeman asks.

"My wife," was the reply.



CAN WE ALL  
AGREE THAT IN  
2015 NOT A  
SINGLE PERSON  
GOT THE ANSWER  
CORRECT TO 'WHERE  
DO YOU SEE YOURSELF  
5 YEARS FROM NOW'

A priest, a rabbi and a vicar walk into a bar. The barman says, "Is this some kind of joke?"



I'm on a whiskey diet.  
I've lost three days  
already.



Husband: "Your mother  
has been with us for 20  
years. Isn't it time she  
got a place of her own?"  
Wife: "My mother?"  
"I thought she was your  
mother."

