



NHBZ Weekly News

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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May 14, 2022 • 13 Iyar, 5782 • Candle Lighting 7:47 pm • Shabbos Concludes 8:50 pm

Parshas Emor
Haftorah

Leviticus 21:1 – 24:23
Ezekiel 44:15 – 31

Chumash pp. 672 - 695
Chumash pp.1176-1177

*We are thrilled to again welcome
The St. Louis Kollel Rabbis to NHBZ*

A heartfelt THANK YOU and *Bruchim Habaim* for honoring us by leading services this Shabbos

Prayer

Shabbos, Friday, May 13

- 7:00 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Ma'ariv
- 7:47 pm Candle Lighting

Shabbos, Saturday, May 14

- 9:00 am Shachris followed by Musaf
Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
Shacharis: **Rabbi Yaakov Berkowitz**
Leyning: **Rabbi Yitzchok Shimon Hess**
Haftorah: **Rabbi Zevi Farkas**
Sermon: **Rabbi Yaakov Berkowitz**
Musaf: **Rabbi Binyomin Tajerstein**
- 9:15 am Learners' Service with Rabbi David (downstairs)
- 10:00 am Kids' Program (downstairs)
- 10:15 am "Starting Points" with Rabbi Ze'ev Smason (downstairs)
- 7:30 pm Mincha, Shalosh Seudos, D'var Torah by **Rabbi Avi Okin**, Ma'ariv
- 8:50 pm Shabbos concludes



Kollel Shabbaton Classes, immediately following davening and before Kiddush

Rabbi Avi Bin-Nun: "What Does It Mean, 'Hashem Chose Us'?"

Rabbi Chezky Freund: "Investing Wisely: How to Get More out of Our Torah and Mitzvos"

Mrs. Yael Miller: A class for women

And **Rabbi Dovid Miller** will offer short remarks at Kiddush

Minyan Times May 12 – May 21, 2022

	Thu May 12	Fri May 13	Shabbos May 14	Sun May 15	Mon May 16	Tues May 17	Wed May 18	Thu May 19	Fri May 20	Shabbos May 21
Shachris (am)	7:00	7:00	9:00	8:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	9:00
Mincha/Ma'ariv (pm)	7:00	7:00	7:30	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:40

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!

Sign Up for Text Reminders

You can receive text reminders of your scheduled minyan times! Email minyan@nhbz.org with your name, cellphone number and carrier, and the days and services (Shachris or Mincha/Ma'ariv) you will be attending our daily minyan.

Congregation News

Mazel Tov on Simchas This Week! May 15 – May 21, 2022

Happy Birthday

Joshua John	May 16
Adam Rush	May 16
Sarah Beth Matt	May 19

*A belated happy birthday to Dr. Jerry Tullman (May 9)



Events

Coming Soon

- Shavuot, June 4 – 6
- Shavuot learning programs (and meals!) – stay tuned (sponsorships welcome!)

On-Going

- Online Classes
- Every Shabbos
- Sunday Mornings, after Shachris
- Sunday Nights, 6:00 pm
- Mondays, 7:40 pm
- Wednesdays, 12:15 pm
- Thursdays, 7:40 pm
- See listing on Page 6
- Learners' Service, 9:15 am (downstairs)
- Shabbos Morning Kids' Program, 10:00 am (downstairs)
- Starting Points, 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 (after davening)
- Pirkei Avos Class with Rabbi Smason
- Mishmar Learning with Rabbi Okin

GLOW OF SUCCESS Yom Ha'Azmout Celebration – THANK YOU!



Songs, foods and rejoicing in honor of Israel, brought to us by our very own **MARGO TZADOK**, who planned the entire event and coordinated great help: **Stuart Klamen** served as Mashgiach, while **Reuven & Margo Tzadok, Stella Vladimirov, Sheryl Levine, Debbie Barash, Teretha Carter** and **Allan Swan**, prepared the spread and decorated.

Norma Rubin served as Mashgicha and chef while she, **Esther and Bella Levay** and **Stella Vladimirov** made 215 borekas.

Additional thanks to **Anna Rose Tendler** for EVERYTHING she does, and to **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason** and **Meir Armoza** for their remarks and insights. HUGE thank you to everyone! Todah rabbah!

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**DOLLAR-A-DAY
PUSHKE CAMPAIGN**

Thank you for your continuing participation in the NHBZ Pushke campaign. The first cycle of 2022 is now concluded. You raised \$840! And, the winner of random drawing for the \$25 Target gift card is: **David Porter**. Congratulations, David!

Update from the Rabbinic Search Committee

"We had two very successful Rabbinic Candidate Weekends. Thank you to everyone who participated and provided feedback. The committee is reviewing your feedback and following up with the candidates. We hope to have a recommendation to the Board for its consideration within the next couple of weeks. Based on the Board's decision, a special meeting of the membership would then be scheduled. All members will have the opportunity to attend and cast a vote. Remember, the final decision about the next Rabbi of NHBZ will be made by the membership. Your participation is vital to the success of our Shul.

"As throughout this process, please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments. Alan Zarkowsky, Chair, Rabbinic Search Committee rabbisearch@nhbz.org"

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Take advantage of the special opportunity to memorialize family members and friends. Our handsome brass memorial plaques normally cost \$360.00 each. This year, through July 16, two memorial plaques will be available for \$600 – you save \$120. Ordering soon will enable us to have your plaques mounted on our Memorial Boards (in the Pepose-Feigenbaum Multipurpose Room) no later than Yom Kippur of this year. May the memory of good people bless our days.

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!



● The Schmooze Sunday Nights

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

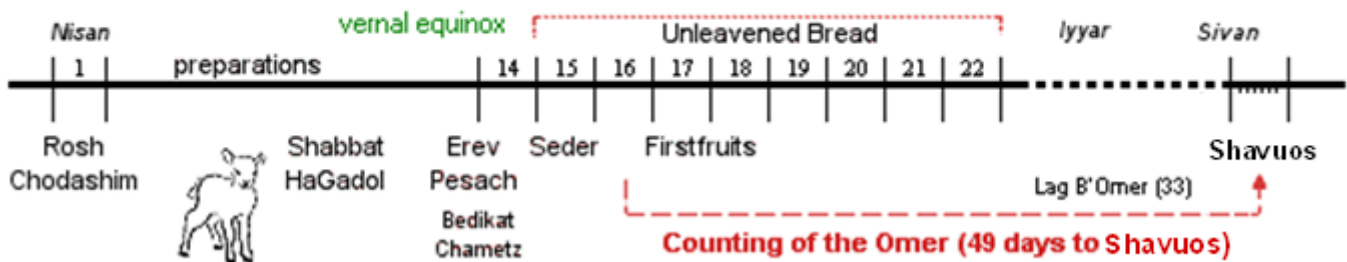
Learning at NHBZ

● Parashas Emor – By Rabbi Smason

Following the command in last week's portion to be sanctified and holy, Parshas Emor begins by discussing various laws directed specifically to the Kohanim and the Kohen Gadol (High Priest). Included is the command for the Kohen to refrain from becoming ritually impure through contact with a dead body (except for close relatives) and increased restrictions on whom they may marry. G-d requires those with greater spiritual responsibilities to maintain a higher standard of spiritual purity. Parshas Emor contains two of the most significant mitzvos in the entire Torah; to always be mindful of not desecrating G-d's name, and on the contrary, to sanctify Him at all costs.

The Torah goes on to discuss the festivals of the year -- Pesach, Shavuos, Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Succos and Shemini Atzeres. The festivals, including Shabbos, are referred to as moadim, appointed times; they are special days when Jews 'meet', as it were, with G-d. The festivals interrupt our ordinary weekday activities and inspire us to rededicate ourselves to those ideals that life is really about. Later, two mitzvos in the Mishkan are stated: the daily lighting of the menorah and the display of the lechem hapanim (showbread). The portion concludes with the horrible incident of a man who cursed G-d's name.

Season of our Liberation



Ask Our Rabbis

Q: I see Pesach Sheni listed on my Jewish calendar. What is it? What are we celebrating and how should we celebrate this day?

A. Pesach Sheni, literally the Second Pesach, commemorates the day when someone who missed the opportunity to bring the Korban Pesach, the Pascal Lamb, before Pesach would have the opportunity to offer their make-up Korban Pesach (See Bamidbar 9 for the Torah's account of this Mitzvah). It occurs on the 14th of Iyar, which occurs this year on May 15. We do not recite Tachanun, as it has the status of a minor Jewish holiday, and many people have the custom to eat matzah.

We should reflect on the idea that Pesach Sheni is a holiday of second chances. Hashem gave those who did not offer the Korban Pesach the opportunity to fix their deficiency, to correct their mistake. If we want to get the most out of our Pesach Sheni experience, we should ask ourselves: shouldn't we give friends, family, colleagues, and community members a second chance? Maybe we can give our relationship with Hashem a second chance as well?

In the Community

● St. Louis Kollel – PreShavuos Event (for Men and Women), May 24

Please join your friends, Kollel Rabbis & Rebbitzens for group, in-depth Pre-Shavuos learning. The event will take place at the Clayton Plaza Hotel, Tuesday, May 24. Doors open at 7:45pm. Please see flyer for details, and RSVPs to yberkowitz@stlkollel.com appreciated.

NHBZ Giving and Dedication Opportunities

Your support enables NHBZ to maintain and expand its programs and to serve the needs of the congregation and the greater St. Louis Jewish Community. Donating to the Shul is a meaningful way to fulfill the mitzvah of *tzedakah* while honoring those you hold dear.

Some available ways to contribute: Building Contributions and Dedications; Inscribed Pavers (\$250 - \$500); Brass Leaves on the Tree of Life (\$360 minimum); Memorial Plaques (discount being offered for 2 plaques, until July 16); Book Funds (for Siddurim, Chumashim and Machzorim, \$55 – 70); Tributes (\$10 minimum) and Kiddush, Shalosh Seudos or Newsletter sponsorship.

We have a method available for however you choose to honor someone! Your support means everything to our Shul. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Holocaust & Heroism Memorial – Recording Available

It is our honor to provide a recording of the stories shared. Children of survivors recounting the stories of survival and heroism their parents told them. The recording is on-line, and available on YouTube, via this link <https://youtu.be/l2UMsQI7BCK>

We are deeply grateful to the presenters for sharing their hearts, memories and family stories with us.

Learning at NHBZ (con't)

● **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:

May 14	A Sense of Awe: How Can You Capture the "Wow" in Life?
May 21	Finding Your Sense of Purpose in Life
May 28	How to Love Your Difficult Neighbor ... or Relative



● **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 7:40 pm – 8:00 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.

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-HuXMG1Ej2aUImgQHkJ-



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

MAY 14

Counting the Omer



Volume 5

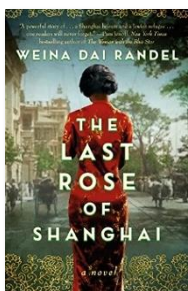
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Sisterhood Book Club News!

The next meeting of the NHBZ Sisterhood Book Club will be **Monday, May 23, 7:15-8:45 PM** at the home of Linda Shore. The book is: ***The Last Rose of Shanghai: A Novel***, by Weina Dai Randel. A National Jewish Book Awards Finalist, *The Last Rose of Shanghai* is a powerful story of the relationship between a Shanghai heiress and a Jewish refugee, set against the backdrop of a nightclub in China on the eve of the Second World War. For more information or to join, contact Fran Alper at 314-993-4024 or email fran.alper@outlook.com or sisterhood@nhbz.org. The Book Club meets on the **fourth Monday of odd-numbered months** at 7:15-8:45 PM. Make a note of the remaining dates for **2022**: May 23, July 25, Sept. 19, Nov. 28
We welcome you to join us!



PARSHAH EMOR: The Purpose of Freedom

The period between Passover and Shavuot, the festivals of liberation and the giving of the Torah, is marked by the Counting of the Omer (Lev. 23:15). In a sense the festival of Shavuot is a fulfillment, a climax, of Passover. In terms of the Jewish people, the significance is obvious — Israel was not a nation by virtue of freedom alone but by virtue of the Torah. What does this mean to the individual?

Torah gives life a purpose, a pattern that gives significance to the commonplace. The mitzvot impart spiritual importance even to the ordinaries of living; they make the Jew conscious always of his interested Creator. At no time is the Jew ever "free"; there is always a standard by which every action is judged. He has no privileged sanctuary as a refuge from responsibility. During work and meals and worship and recreation equally, the pattern of Torah makes these activities avenues to G-d.

Freedom for the Jew is release from oppression but not from self-control. Passover permits man to develop freely, with no interference by anyone with his religious activities. This freedom became real only when it was given direction, when the Torah showed man what man can become. Passover and Shavuot are complementary festivals, deliberately connected by the Counting of the Omer to stress their inseparability. Together they teach us that achievement in this world is not abandon but adult discharge of productive obligations.

— by **Rabbi Zalman I. Posner^{z"l}**, www.chabad.org

PESACH SHENI

Pesach Sheni means

"Second Passover" [Sacrifice].

It marks the day when someone who was unable to participate in the Passover offering in the proper time would observe the mitzvah exactly one month later — 14 Iyar — this year on Sunday, May 15. It is customary to mark this day by eating matzah—*shmurah* matzah, if possible—and by omitting Tachanun from the prayer services. Pesach Sheni is an extraordinary mitzvah. G-d legislated it only after a group of Jews, impure ones at that, sincerely demanded a second chance. **The lesson for us is clear: No matter how far we may wander, or how impure we may become, G-d will pave the way for us if we sincerely want to make amends...** Just like the impure Jews of old were not afraid to ask for the opportunity to become closer to G-d, neither should we. — www.chabad.org



EMOR LISTS THE FESTIVALS OF THE JEWISH CALENDAR



Kid 1: **Yay!! So many Jewish holidays throughout the year!**

Kid 2: **I can't wait!!**



Rose Ragin Chesed Fund

Supporting our Members

What is the Rose Ragin Chesed Fund?

The fund provides for acts of chesed (lovingkindness) to support lifecycle events of NHBZ members, such as...



**Shiva trays
for mourners**



**Gifts for
newborns**



**Meals for
the sick**



**Gifts for
bar/bat mitzvah**

How can I contribute to the Rose Ragin Chesed Fund?

- buy Rose Ragin Chesed cards and Purim Cards
- buy 'onesies' for a baby
- make a donation to the Rose Ragin Chesed Fund
- watch for upcoming special fund-raising campaigns

How else can I help?

Call Nancy in the NHBZ Office – 314-991-2100, ext. 2, to...

- notify her about someone who is in need of chesed
- have a misheberach said for someone
- volunteer for the Chesed Committee

Purchase a **pack of 5** Rose Ragin Chesed cards – **\$25 minimum donation**.
Keep some handy to send out whenever you'd like. It's a great way to
honor a simcha, remember a loved one, or acknowledge anything at all.

314-991-2100, ext. 2



The Schmooze

Sunday Evenings, 6:00 pm



**DINNER
PROVIDED!**



**FUN
RAFFLES!**

**Join with children
from around St. Louis for a
discussion-based Torah learning session
at NHBZ with Rabbi Avi Okin!**

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A NHBZ MEMBER FAMILY TO PARTICIPATE

4TH GRADE AND UP

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 991-2100 EXT: 2

NHBZ's Covid protocol is in place. Kids under age 12 are not required to be vaccinated but they will need to remain masked except when eating. Children 12 and up are required to be vaccinated to participate.

Feeling boxed in? It's time to get out of the box

Our synagogue helps you to feel comfortable & welcome

NHBZ members are eclectic and diverse, and desire personal growth without politics or an obligatory commitment to any particular movement, denomination, or label.

Our synagogue is proudly Pro-Israel and against the BDS movement

Support for a secure Israel as our Jewish homeland is not a political or liberal or conservative cause – it is a Jewish cause.

Our synagogue will engage you Jewishly

...with abundant and accessible learning opportunities so that you can become the best version of yourself.

Our synagogue has meaningful, spiritually oriented services

...simultaneously tapping into the enduring wisdom of our people and your personal experience.



Come grow with us. We are here for you.
Experience Nusach Hari B'nai Zion



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