



# NHBZ Weekly News

*Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion*  
Affiliated with Union of Orthodox Congregations of America

August 27, 2022 • 30 Av 5782 • Candle Lighting 7:22 pm • Shabbos Concludes 8:24 pm

Parshas Re'eh	Deuteronomy 11:26 – 16:17	Chumash pp. 998–1023
Maftir: Rosh Chodesh	Numbers 28:9 – 15	Chumash pp. 890–892
Haftarah	Isaiah 66:1–24; Samuel 20:18, 42	Chumash pp. 1197–1199; 1208-10

NHBZ extends its heartfelt thanks to

## Rabbi Ze'ev & Rebbitzin Chani Smason

This week's News is dedicated in recognition of Rabbi Smason's last Shabbos as NHBZ's Senior Rabbi and of his 25 years of service to NHBZ and its Members.

*We thank our generous sponsors*

- **Jesse & Debbie Barash** for this week's NHBZ Weekly News in celebration of their 44<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
- The Family of **Janet Goldenberg**<sup>ah</sup> for the Salad Bar Kiddush, in gratitude to "MY Rabbi."

## Prayer

### Shabbos, Friday, August 26

- 7:00 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Ma'ariv
- 7:22 pm Candle Lighting

### Shabbos, Saturday, August 27

- 9:00 am Shachris followed by Musaf
  - Pesukei D'Zimra: **TBA**
  - Shacharis: **Rabbi Yonason Goldson**
  - Leyning: **Stuart Klamen**
- 10:00 am Kids' Program (downstairs)
- 7:05 pm Mincha, Shalosh Seudos, Ma'ariv
- 8:24 pm Shabbos concludes



Haftarah: **Dr. Naftoli Kadosh**  
Sermon: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**  
Musaf: **Rabbi Yonason Goldson**

### Minyan Times August 25 – September 3, 2022

	Thu Aug 25	Fri Aug 26	Shabbos Aug 27*	Sun Aug 28*	Mon Aug 29	Tues Aug 30	Wed Aug 31	Thu Sep 1	Fri Sep 2	Shabbos Sep 3
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	7:05	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	6:55

\*Rosh Chodesh

# Congregation News

## Mazel Tov on Simchas This Week! August 28 – September 3, 2022

### Happy Birthday

Daniel Shanker	Aug 30
Norma Rubin	Sept 1
Eli Judah Bialecki	Sept 2
Jonah Alexander Bialecki	Sept 2
Howard Sandler	Sept 3
Faith Waxman	Sept 3

### Belated Happy Birthday

Allison Feit Aug 24



## Events

### Coming Soon

- This Sunday, August 28
  - Shaving Israel Presents: “Challenges for Lone Soldiers (And Others in Combat)” (3:30 pm, see page 5)
  - Lion’s Den: All You Can Eat Pizza Night (5:00 pm, see flyer)

### On-Going

- Online Classes
  - See listing on Page 7
- Every Shabbos
  - Learners' Service, 9:15 am – **Returns Next Week**
  - Shabbos Morning Kids' Program, 10:00 am (downstairs)
  - Starting Points, 10:15 am (downstairs)
- Sunday Mornings, after Shachris
  - Mishna learning with Rabbi Swidler
- Mondays, 7:40 pm
  - St. Louis Kollel Amud-A-Week (after davening)
- Wednesdays, 12:15 pm
  - Pirkei Avos Class with Rabbi Smason (see page 7)

## High Holiday Seating New Layout and Options This Year

Believe it or not – Rosh Hashanah is just around the corner! One of the benefits of Full Membership at NHBZ is being guaranteed a seat for the High Holidays. This year, guaranteed seats will be either **reserved** or **open**. You may choose a specific seat to reserve; otherwise, if you prefer open seating, you may sit in any unreserved seat. There will be enough seats to guarantee that all Full Members have a seat.

***This year, seats will be reserved upon request only.***

The seating layout will be slightly different this year, with the Bima somewhat closer to the front. If you want a reserved seat, please contact Lenny Alper at [lenny.alper@outlook.com](mailto:lenny.alper@outlook.com) or Nancy Stenn at [office@nhbz.org](mailto:office@nhbz.org) by **September 9** and we can help you pick out a seat to your liking. Your seat will be marked as reserved. If you do not want a reserved seat, you may sit in any seat that is not marked as reserved.

## MEMORIAL PLAQUES – Last Opportunity for Special Discounted Pricing

Order soon, as there are only a few more days in August! Memorialize family members and friends at the special price of \$600 for two brass memorial plaques. Special pricing ends September 1.

## DOUBLE THE PLEASURE / DOUBLE THE FUN

### The Four Questions

Dear Members and Friends, we did not want to miss this opportunity! May we present:

#### **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**

The Rabbi of Nusach Hari Bnai Zion for the past twenty-five years, he guided and accompanied us through life cycle events, laughed and cried with us, and challenged our minds and answered our questions. Thank you, Rabbi Smason, for everything!

#### The Questions:

1. **Who is your favorite Torah personality and why?**  
A. "*Dovid HaMelech*, King David. King David experienced the totality of the human experience; from rejection at birth, persecution, bitter loss and near death and feeling distant from G-d, to exultation, joy, ascent to royalty, intimacy with G-d and prophecy, and every other emotion and experience in between. And not once did he lose his faith in HaShem. We have the Book of Samuel and his Book of Psalms to guide us in his ways."
2. **What is your favorite snack food?**  
A: "Grapes. Green. (shaken, not stirred, optional)"
3. **What is your personal motto?**  
A: "It is a wretched taste to be gratified with mediocrity when the excellent lies before us."  
- Isaac D'Israeli
4. **What inspires you?**  
A: "My wife."



And, with that perfect segue, we are pleased to present:

#### **Rebbitzen Chani Smason**

Offering unwavering support, Chani is the woman behind the Rabbi. Thank you for your involvement with the Shul over the years. We wish you all the best!

#### The Questions:

1. **Who is your favorite Torah personality and why?**  
A. "The Snake, because he exemplifies true justice."
2. **What is your favorite snack food?**  
A: "TUMS."
3. **What is your personal motto?**  
A: "Gam Zu L'Tovah" ("This, too, is for the best!")
4. **What inspires you?**  
A: "My husband's patience and wisdom."



## **GLOW OF SUCCESS – Scotch & Cigars**

Reports have it that the event was “ROCKIN’!” Thank you to **Jennifer Hartranft** for organizing! Thanks to the sponsors: **Amy & Denny Feit, Joni & Bob Kaiser, Jesse Barash, Jennifer & Bryson Hartranft, and Zev Rosenberg.** Here’s a peek at the guys:



## **Special Gifts Campaign – We are ALMOST There!**

Final call to be a part of the Special Gifts Campaign! We are within reach of our goal! Won't you do your part to help us succeed? If you have not already sent your contribution or pledge, please do so TODAY! The campaign closes in just a few days. Let's make it a WIN! All contributions of \$250 and more are invited to join us at the Appreciation Brunch! New date and details to follow.

# **LION'S DEN PIZZA NIGHT** **Sunday, August 28, 5-7pm**

**Join us again THIS SUNDAY for  
ALL YOU CAN EAT Pizza Night at NHBZ**

**Adults \$15; Kids 4-10 \$7; Kids 3 and under FREE!**

***Come and help! Come and eat!***

**All food under supervision of Rabbi Smason**

**See flyer for all the details**



*With Immeasurable Appreciation for*

## **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**

The Membership of Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Synagogue thanks you for your 25 years of commitment, accomplishment, and dedication to our Congregation.

Your Rabbinical leadership and spiritual guidance touched the lives of innumerable people over the years.

May HaShem bless you and your entire family with health, success, and prosperity in your future endeavors.



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# **Challenges for Lone Soldiers** (and others in combat)

**Sunday, August 28, 3:30pm at NHBZ**

*featuring IDF Veterans:*



**Sachar Cohen & Nissim Tal**



**Meir Armoza**  
*Live at NHBZ*

***Pizza Night follows immediately at 5:00 pm***

## NHBZ Sisterhood's

### *New Year Greetings* Fundraiser Returns for 5783

Sisterhood wishes you a Happy New Year... and invites you to wish *L'Shana Tova Tikatevu* to everyone in our NHBZ family!

Send us your donation and how you want your name listed by September 9, and we will publish your greeting in the 5783 Rosh Hashanah Bulletin. See the Sisterhood flyer for complete details.

## In the Community

- **"Time to Come Back" Lecture Series** – 2nd Monday of the Month, Noon

Please join us for the final lecture in the "**Crown on the Road**" featuring Rabbi **Ze'ev Smason** in the Sanctuary (upstairs) at NHBZ, from 12:00 – 1:00 pm. On Monday, Sept. 12, the topic is: **Seven Steps to Worry-Free Living**

\$10 per class, includes a box lunch (\$3 per class if you choose to forego lunch). Come on out and laugh and learn! Please see flyer for full details and how to RSVP!

- **Sababa: Jewish Arts and Culture Festival**, Sunday, September 18

Mark your calendars, and save the date for Sababa, St Louis' premier Jewish Arts & Culture Festival. For more information or to volunteer, please visit [sababastl.com](http://sababastl.com).

- **NHBZ Booth at SABABA Event** – Call for Volunteers

Volunteers needed to set up, answer questions about and showcase NHBZ, and take down. Available shifts are 10–12, 12-2 and 2-5. We will also offer a family-friendly activity.

**Sallie Volotzsky** (fuse glass artist) and **Margo Tzadok** (a painter) will be showing and selling their artwork at Sababa. Please contact Margo Tzadok ([tmargo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tmargo@sbcglobal.net)) with questions and to volunteer.

## Learning at NHBZ

- **Parashas Re'eh** – By Rabbi Smason

Moses informs the Jewish people that each of us face a choice: choose to observe G-d's directions for living (i.e. the Torah) and receive blessings, or choose to ignore G-d and experience estrangement and its consequences. Moses then turns to describing a number of religious, civil and social laws relevant once the Jewish people enter the Promised Land. Included in this listing are:

- Don't imitate the abominable ways of the nations surrounding you
- A false prophet who attempts to entice you to idolatry should be put to death
- Self-infliction of wounds on the body as a sign of mourning is prohibited
- As a holy people, refrain from eating 'non-kosher' food
- Be particularly warm-hearted and charitable to our fellow Jews
- The three pilgrimage festivals (Passover, Shavous and Sukkos) are opportunities to ascend (make aliyah) to Jerusalem and the Temple to celebrate our blessings met

# 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:

**August 27** Habits for Happiness: 5 Steps to Living Your Happiest Life

## ● Rabbi Smason's Wednesday In-Person Class

Pirkei Avos / Ethics of the Fathers: Feed your soul 45 minutes of spiritual nourishment from the timeless wisdom of our Sages, chock full of relevant, contemporary insights and lessons. Low-calorie, gluten free, and refreshing!

## ● 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)



## 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

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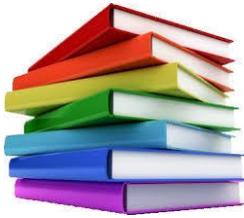
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## Sisterhood Book Club News

The next meeting of the Sisterhood Book Club will be **Monday, September 19**, 7:15-8:45. Location TBA. To help select the next book for September, email your suggestions to Fran Alper.



### Upcoming Book Club dates and titles:

September 19 – **email your suggestion or choose: *The Last Summer at the Golden Hotel***, by Elyssa Friedland

December 5 – ***By Fire Possessed: Dona Gracia Nasi***, by Sandra Toro

The Book Club usually meets on the **fourth Monday of odd-numbered** months at 7:15-8:45 PM. **All women are welcome!**

For more information, contact *Fran Alper* at 314-993-4024 or: [fran.alper@outlook.com](mailto:fran.alper@outlook.com) or email: [sisterhood@nhbz.org](mailto:sisterhood@nhbz.org).

## Sisterhood Bids Farewell to Rabbi Ze'ev & Chani Smason!

We are grateful for your many years of service to NHBZ and for imparting a love of Judaism, a love of Israel, and a love of fellow Jews. We wish you all the best as you go from strength to strength!

תודה רבה

*Todah Rabah ~ Thank You Very Much*

## PARSHA RE'EH: Not the Way It Seems

*See, I present before you today a blessing and a curse.* (Deut. 11:26)

Moses informed the people about the blessings and curses that would be recited on Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal. The verse begins with the word "re'eh" - See, which is in the singular form. It then continues with "lifneichem" - before you, which is in the plural form. What is the reason for this change?

When a person finds himself in an inconvenient situation, he may become distressed and upset that such a "curse" has happened to him. For example, if one gets stuck in traffic he may miss his flight, and as a result he may lose out on a big business deal. But the truth is that it can actually turn out to be a blessing. It is possible that the loss of money is meant as an atonement for past sins, as well as preventing worse catastrophes from occurring. The Torah is alluding to this message by putting "See" in the singular form, for there is really only "One" that knows if something is a blessing or a curse - G-d.

A man once asked King Solomon to teach him the language of the birds. King Solomon refused, explaining that it was not a good idea to be familiar with it. The man persisted, so King Solomon taught it to him. Then, one day the man was walking down the street and listened to the birds chirping. They were talking about him, saying that tonight all his sheep were going to die! He thought, "This is horrible news, but at least I can sell them before that happens." Indeed, he sold his sheep. A few days later he listened to the birds chirping, and again they were talking about him, saying his house was going to burn down. He quickly sold it, thinking, "It's a good thing that I know bird language! I am saving myself so much money!"

The next day he heard the birds saying that tonight he would die! He ran to King Solomon and told him what had happened. King Solomon replied, "Now you'll understand why I didn't want you to know the language of the birds. You did a certain sin for which you deserved a severe punishment, but G-d, in His great kindness, wanted to give you a clean slate by giving you a small punishment - killing all your sheep. However, you didn't allow Him to do that, so He moved on to your house. You still did not allow Him to do so, and therefore the only thing that G-d could give you to provide you with atonement was your death."

When troubles befall a person he should attempt to accept it with joy, for who knows what tragedies it is saving him from. - by **Rabbi Eli Scheller**, [www.aish.com](http://www.aish.com)

## Everyone is Invited to participate in Sisterhood's New Year Greetings Fundraiser for 5783



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...and invites you to wish L'Shana Tova Tikatevu to everyone in our NHBZ family!

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See the attached flyer for complete details.

**Sunday, Aug 28<sup>th</sup> • 5:00-7:00 pm**

**Dine-In Buffet • Adults: \$15.00 ~ Kids 4-10: \$7.00 ~ Kids 3 & under: FREE**

**Cheese is Cholov Yisroel; pareve crusts available upon request. All food under the supervision of Rabbi Ze'ev Smason.**

NHBZ.ORG 314-991-2100

*Nusach Hari  
B'nai Zion*



# The Lion's Den Pizza Night

**ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET**

**Includes Pizza, Pasta, Salad and Garlic Bread plus a Dessert and a Beverage**

# Returns!



Ya Know What's GOOD?

We accept credit cards.

**NHBZ PIZZA NIGHT**



Ya Know What's GOOD?

**NHBZ PIZZA NIGHT**



But First... We'll have

**NHBZ PIZZA NIGHT**



# New Year Greetings fundraiser

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Health, Happiness & Prosperity in the New Year...

...and invites you to wish *L'Shana Tova Tikatevu*  
to everyone in our NHBZ family!

Make your check payable to **NHBZ** – write 'Sisterhood Greeting' on the  
memo line – suggested minimum donation is \$10 per name – no maximum!

Names will be published in the 5783 Rosh Hashanah Bulletin

Send your contribution, along with the form below, **by September 9** to:

NHBZ Sisterhood  
650 North Price Road  
St. Louis, MO 63132

or you may email your greeting information directly to [bookkeeper@nhbz.org](mailto:bookkeeper@nhbz.org)  
or visit the website [www.nhbz.org](http://www.nhbz.org) to make a payment

FOR QUESTIONS, CALL THE NHBZ OFFICE, 314-991-2100, EXT.3, OR EMAIL: [sisterhood@nhbz.org](mailto:sisterhood@nhbz.org)

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## NHBZ SISTERHOOD NEW YEAR GREETING ~ FOR ROSH HASHANAH 5783 BULLETIN

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ [suggested minimum donation is \$10 per name – no maximum!]

Please list my name(s) as follows:

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Proceeds benefit NHBZ's Passport to Israel Program and other NHBZ Sisterhood projects

*A Good and Sweet Year!*