



NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

December 18, 2010

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Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

Torah Portion **Vayechi:**
Haftorah:

Bereshis 47:28 - 50:26
1 Kings 2:1 - 2:12

Stone Chumash pages 268 - 289
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Today

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: *Howard Sandler*
 - Shacharis: *Dr. Ethan Schuman*
 - Leyning: *Aryeh Needle*
 - Haftorah: *Dr. Ethan Schuman*
 - Sermon: *Rabbi Ze'ev Smason*
 - Musaf: *Dr. Ethan Schuman*
- **Learners Service** (10:30 am) - Lead by *Jonathan Stern* in the Chapel
- **Jr. Congregations** (10:30 am) - Girls Jr. Congregation and younger children meet in Children's Room with *Dodi Smason*; Boys Jr. Congregation will meet in the Auditorium with *Avrumi Smason*.
- **Kiddush** (following Musaf) - Kiddush is **sponsored by Dr. Leon and Ilana Bialecki** in memory of Ilana's beloved mother, and *Eldad and Danielle Bialecki's* special Grandmother, *Yehudit Falman*, z'l who passed away a year ago, and in appreciation for the daily Kaddish said in her memory by members of the NHBZ community throughout the year; **AND BY Trudy Sudin and family** in honor of *Yehuda and Dena Schupper's* third anniversary, *Malka Freida's* birth, *Elisheva Sudin's* first birthday, *Gary Sudin's* birthday and *Chai Zarkowsky's* birthday
- **Shabbos Study Group** (3:35 pm) - Studies in Tanach, lead by *Menachem Szus*; everyone at any level of learning is welcome. We have begun the second to last chapter of the Second Book of Kings. Please join us on the final stretch toward the finish. In a few weeks, we'll have a nice siyum upon conclusion of yet another book of tanach. Hope you can make it to the finish line with us.
- **Boys' Mishna Study Group** (3:35 pm) - With *Rabbi Smason*, for boys ages 10-17.
- **Mincha / Shalosh Seudos / Maariv** (4:05 pm)
- **Shabbos concludes** (5:27 pm)

This Week

Davening Times	Shabbos Dec. 18	Sun. Dec. 19	Mon. Dec. 20	Tues. Dec. 21	Wed. Dec. 22	Thur. Dec. 23	Fri. Dec. 24	Shabbos Dec. 25
Shachris	9:00 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv	4:05 pm	4:20 pm	4:20 pm	-	-	-	4:20 pm	4:05 pm
Maariv Only	-	-	-	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	-	-

- **Sunday Learning** (tomorrow, Sunday Dec 19, following Shachris) - *Rabbi Chanan Swidler* of Aish HaTorah leads Mishna study for men following Sunday morning services; davening at 8:00 am.
- **RAP with the RABBI Teen Group** (tomorrow, Sunday Dec 19, 9:15 am) - with *Rabbi Smason* for young men and women in the Rabbi's office.
- **NHBZ Sisterhood Meeting and Lunch** - Tuesday, December 21
- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** (Wednesday, December 22, 12:15 pm) - Insights for daily living from the weekly Torah portion; in the Auditorium.

Congratulations

- **105th Anniversary Celebration - Did you attend last Sunday?**
A Cinderella fairy tale dressed up our auditorium for the Ball. Flowing drapes of satin and chiffon lined the walls and covered the ceiling, and a sparkling, crystal



chandelier was the crowning glory!!! An outstanding, scrumptious menu delighted everyone, from the fabulous brisket to the chocolate fountain and halava!! Many people helped to make this event such a great success --- A very big thank you and yasher koach to dinner chairpersons **Francine Attoun** and **Robin Rickerman**, and to ad journal chairpersons **Trudy Sudin** and **Anna Rose Tendler**. Thanks to our private chef, **Robin Rickerman**, to our wonderful sous chefs **Bertha Berman** and **Phyllis Silverman**, and to **Andy Abrams, Bob Abrams, Francine Attoun, Trudy Sudin and Vivian Zarkowsky** for their invaluable help with all the last minute details on Sunday. And *nothing* gets done at NHBZ without the help of our superb Chief of Operations, **Mr. William Carter!** Mazel Tov to our honorees, **JoAnn Raskas and Ron Rosen**, and our very first recipients of the Youth Service Award, **Alex Lyss and Jack Lyss**. Finally, we thank **JoAnn Raskas** for her generous contribution that provided the exquisite entertainment -- a marvelous finale that capped a marvelous evening.

Coming Events

- **'Movies After Dark'** (Saturday, December 25) - Featuring 'Marjorie Morningstar' (1958), with Gene Kelly and Natalie Wood.
- **Dine-In Pizza Night** (Sunday, Dec 26, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm)
- **Next Gift Card Order Days** (Dec 30 and Jan 15) - Buy Gift Cards and get free money for NHBZ
- **Irvin Alper Social Club** (Sunday, Jan 2, 5:00 pm)
- **Morris Lenga Yiddish Club** (Thursday, January 6, 7:00 pm)
- **Installation Shabbos** **New Date** (Saturday, January 15)
- **Garage Sale Part 2** (January 2011) - We welcome additional contributions of garage sale items (no more clothes, please) for a final garage sale blowout day.
- **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group** (to be scheduled)
- **Carry-Out Pizza Night** (Wednesday, January 19)



Meetings

- **Executive Committee Meeting** - Tues, Dec 28; Maariv at 6:30 pm; meeting at 7:00 pm.
- **Board of Directors Meeting** - Tuesday, Jan 11; Maariv at 6:30 pm; meeting at 7:00 pm.

Reminders

- **Sponsorships** - If you would like to sponsor kiddush, Soda, Shalosh Seudos, or this bulletin, in honor or in memory of someone, please call 314-991-2100, ext. 2, to make arrangements.
- **Tributes** - For a Shul tribute, call Gloria Waxman at 314-872-3296
For a Sisterhood tribute, call Phyllis Silverman at 314-434-2482
- **Synagogue Honors** - It is customary to make a donation to the synagogue for an Aliyah or other synagogue honors received
- **Free Money for NHBZ!!** - Use Schnuck's Scrip and buy Gift Cards; call Scrip and Gift Card Mavens Janet Haber at 567-7406 or Bert Zakroff at 220-0674 for details.
- **More Free Money for NHBZ** - Turn in unused Cell Phones, Chargers and Ink Jet Cartridges; Planet Green Recycling will safely dispose of them, and pay us, too!
- **Even More Free Money - Enjoy Freshly Baked Challa, Cakes & Rugelach, and Support NHBZ at the same time!** - Every purchase from Norma's Bakery includes a donation to NHBZ; To order, call Norma Yabeta at 314-398-1044 or send email to lemuriana999@hotmail.com.
- **Volunteer Opportunities** - 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; please call the office to volunteer.



Beyond Twelve Gates' refers to a beautiful concept taught by the great mystic *Rabbi Isaac Luria* (1534-1572), also known as 'The Ari'. There exist twelve gates of prayers in Heaven — one for each tribe of Israel. There also exists a Heavenly thirteenth gate. Through this gate the prayers of all Jews regardless of tribe, Jewish education or level of observance are allowed to enter and are heard by G-d.

Parshas Vayigash

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Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates



How determined are you? You'd have to go a long way to beat the dedication of Robert Stevens. In order to raise money for the private school his daughter attends, the Minneapolis hospital executive donned four layers of long underwear, heavy boots and a down coat before camping out on the roof of a local coffee shop. With a sign that read, "Get Me Off The Roof", Stevens vowed not to come down until he had raised \$100,000. A weekend storm dumped nearly two feet of snow in some areas near the Twin Cities, and the inflatable roof of the Minnesota Viking's stadium collapsed on Sunday. But Stevens remained undeterred as he slept inside a tent surrounded by hay bales, swaddled in a double-insulated sleeping bag as he listened to the winds whip off Lake Minnetonka a block away. Stevens did admit that he hoped the rest of the money would come fast. "I think I've crossed the line into insanity," he said.

Someone once said, "The question isn't who is going to let me; it's who is going to stop me." With a clearly identified objective, strong will to achieve a goal, an intelligent plan of action -- and, of course, help from the Almighty -- there's nothing that can stop one with true determination.

Parshas Vayechi Genesis 47:28 -- 50:26

The final portion of the first book of the Torah describes Jacob's actions immediately preceding his death in Egypt. Jacob makes Joseph swear to bury him in the land of Israel, and then gives Joseph's two sons, Menashe and Ephraim, a special blessing. Notwithstanding Joseph's protest, Jacob insists on giving the younger Ephraim the right-hand position of primacy during the blessing (is this the origin of 'my right-hand man'?).

Jacob then proceeds to give each of his other sons their individual blessings in accordance with their own unique character traits and life purpose. Jacob passes away at the age of 147. He then is brought by his sons and accompanied by a great procession of Egyptian royalty to the land of Israel where he is buried in M'aras HaMachpelah (The Tomb of the Patriarchs). Upon return to Egypt, Joseph's brothers fear that he will finally take revenge now that their father is dead. However, Joseph reassures them that he bears no hard feelings. The portion concludes with Joseph's death and the Jewish people's promise to carry his bones with them to Israel when they are finally redeemed.

Rabbinical Ruminations



He seemed like Superman, able to guide jumbo jets through perilous skies and tiny tubes through blocked arteries. As a cardiologist and United Airlines captain, William Hamman taught doctors and pilots ways to keep hearts and planes from crashing. He shared millions in grants, had university and hospital posts, and bragged of work for prestigious medical groups. Last spring he led a teamwork training session at a cardiology convention.

But it turns out Hamman isn't a cardiologist or even a doctor. Though his pilot qualifications do not appear to be in question, it was recently discovered that he attended medical school for a few years but withdrew and didn't graduate. Hamman had no medical residency, fellowship, doctoral degree or the 15 years of clinical experience he claimed. "Dr." Hamman resigned in June as an educator and researcher at a Michigan hospital after a credentials check revealed discrepancies. After fessing up, Hamman asked the AMA and a cardiology conference group to let him continue, saying, "the work is the work." They decided that a lie is a lie.

Of all types of honesty, perhaps the most important is self-honesty. A successful journey in life requires rigorous self-honesty. However, our subjectivity and pride make it extremely difficult -- if not impossible -- to render proper judgments in issues of great importance. A trusted spiritual guide or mentor can be of great help in obtaining a realistic assessment of ourselves and decisions we seek to make. Ethics of the Fathers teaches us: *accept for yourself a rabbi/mentor*. Objectivity based upon wise and caring counsel can make all the difference.

Quote of the Week

We are not retreating. We are advancing in another direction. -- General Douglas MacArthur



Joke of the Week

Chaim purchased a new car with Israeli-programmed computerized commands, designed for the religious consumer. The salesman explained that to start the car, one needed to say *baruch HaShem* (Hebrew: Thank G-d). To stop the car, one had to say *Shema Yisrael* (the prayer declaring the unity of G-d). Entering the car Chaim said the magic words, *baruch HaShem* and the car was soon on its way. As the car continued, Chaim failed to notice a sign saying that the road is closed. As the car continued, it went up onto a half completed bridge.

"Oh no! I'm going to crash. What do I say, WHAT DO I SAY!!!" Panicking, Chaim couldn't remember what the salesman had told him. "This is the end!" Chaim thought. Preparing for a plunge off the bridge, he began to declare the unity of G-d. "*Shema Yisrael!*" he said, and in a moment the car screeched to a stop with the front half tilting precariously over the edge of the bridge. Soaked with perspiration, Chaim removed his trembling hand from his forehead, looked at the miracle and exclaimed with deep feeling, "*BARUCH HASHEM!*"

**OY VEY!**

Thanks for reading 'Beyond Twelve Gates'. Comments, questions, requests to be added to our email list, or better jokes can be sent to Rabbi Smason at Pepshort613@gmail.com. Care to know more about Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Congregation? Check us out at www.nhbz.org. If you enjoyed Beyond Twelve Gates, please share with a friend. Thanks to Alan Haber for his help in distributing BTG.

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Mazel Tov
On Simchas this week!
December 18-24, 2010!

Happy Birthday

Al Katz
Bonnie Klein
Irvin Bremner
Jonathan Pollack

Happy Anniversary
Abert & Sheila Goodman

Thanks to the NHBZ pioneers who are already enjoying the gift cards they have ordered. Ask them how easy it is!!!

Lenny & Fran Alper	Bob & Joni Kaiser
Alan & Janet Haber	Evelyn Marbain
Bert & Tzipporah Zakroff	Marty Tessler
Dr. Jay Pepose & Susan Feigenbaum	

NHBZ Gift Card Program

You can now help support NHBZ by shopping at many of the usual stores and businesses *that you already use*. All you need to do is plan ahead, and purchase a gift card for your favorite places. *It's easy, and the sponsoring companies give NHBZ a discount of up to 25% !!!* You pay NHBZ for the gift cards, but NHBZ pays the companies a discounted price, resulting in a 'free' donation to NHBZ.

1. Get an order form from the NHBZ lobby or office, or from nhbz.org
2. Select which gift cards you would like; if your favorite store is not on the form, more choices are available on the website, or just call us and ask
3. Add up the cost of your cards and write a check to NHBZ or call us and put it on your charge card
4. Mail or bring your form and check to the NHBZ office; we will order cards on the 15th and 30th of each month
5. Your gift cards will be at the office within 5 days of the order; we can mail them to you, or you can save NHBZ the postage, and pick up your order at the office

DON'T HESITATE TO CALL IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS!

Janet Haber 314-567-7406 or
Bert Zakroff 314-220-0674



PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA
at NHBZ!!!

Lion's Den DINE-IN Pizza Night

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 !!
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

All-You-Can-Eat Buffet of Pizza, Spaghetti, Garlic Bread &
Salad plus Dessert & Beverage
Kids 3 & under FREE Kids 4-12: \$6.00 Adults: \$10.00

NEXT CARRY-OUT NIGHT IS JANUARY 19

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - PLEASE HELP

JSU's "A Light to Remember"

an evening of dining and entertainment honoring

Harvey & Dorit Daphna-Iken

with a special tribute to

Clayton High School JSU Faculty Advisor

Alice Fasman

Saturday, December 18th, 2010

Cocktails 7:30 pm

Dinner 8:00 pm

Performing Arts & Education Center at the JCC

NHBZ Giving Opportunities

NHBZ is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 52 weeks per year. To provide such a facility, the congregation depends upon gifts and contributions above and beyond members' dues. In giving to NHBZ, you fulfill an important mitzvah. We have established numerous ways to contribute to NHBZ listed below. Call the office at 314-993-4024 for details.

- **TRIBUTES** - Honor someone's simcha or good health or a loved one's memory
- **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN** - Help build our new shul
- **SYNOGOGUE HONORS** - It is customary to make a donation to the congregation for an Aliyah or other honors
- **SPECIAL GIFTS CAMPAIGN** - A special gift is a donation above and beyond annual dues and any specific funds.
- **SPONSORSHIPS** - Sponsor kiddush, Soda, Shalosh Seudos, or this bulletin
- **PLAQUES** - Honor or memorialize friends, relatives and events
- **BOOK FUNDS** - Purchase, repair or dedicate books
- **EDUCATIONAL FUNDS** - Help students and teachers
- **SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS** - Donations are used for various purposes