



NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

December 4, 2010

27 Kislev 5771

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

Torah Portion Mikeitz:
Haftorah:

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Today - Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to Everyone

- Welcome to the Eckhardt Ensemble of Milwaukee

- Welcome to Shlichim of Torah MiTzion Kollel & teens from Yokneam

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:

- Pesukei D'Zimra: <i>Howard Sandler</i>	- Haftorah: <i>Kenny Bressler</i>
- Shacharis: <i>Yair Eckhardt</i>	- Sermon: <i>Rabbi Ze'ev Smason</i>
- Leyning: <i>Michael Shapiro</i>	- Musaf: <i>Joel Eckhardt</i>

Davening will be led by the 'Eckhardt Ensemble of Milwaukee' consisting of baritone *Joel Eckhardt* and sons; Joel has sung in musical theatre, opera, and television including performances with Leonard Bernstein and the New Israeli Opera; he also recorded the role of Gaston in Disney's Hebrew language version of "Beauty and the Beast."; **NHBZ thanks Torah MiTzion Kollel for making the Eckhardts available for our Shabbos davening.**

- **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 and Lunch & Learn** (following Musaf) - **MAZEL TOV** to our friends celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries in December! Thanks to *Bobby & Sheryl Levine* for sponsoring a cake in honor of the Eckhardt Family, and thanks to *Fran Hoffman* for sponsoring a cake and making a very generous donation to the shul in honor of her husband *Harold's* birthday. Thanks to **"POP"-STARS** Leonid & Stella Vladimirov for sponsoring soda in honor of their wedding anniversary. Our celebrants invite everyone to Kiddush & Lunch in the Joe Rothman Auditorium. Please be **seated and silent** until Rabbi Smason makes Kiddush, after which you are invited to wash. Then, please be **seated and silent** until Rabbi Smason makes HaMotzi before eating. After lunch, our speakers will be the Shlichim of Torah MiTzion Kollel and teens from Yokneam, Israel.
- **Shabbos Study Group** (3:35 pm) - Studies in Tanach, lead by *Menachem Szus*; everyone at any level of learning is welcome.
- **Boys' Mishna Study Group** (3:35 pm) - With *Rabbi Smason*, for boys ages 10-17.
- **Mincha / Shalosh Seudos / Maariv** (4:05 pm)
- **Shabbos concludes** (5:36 pm)

This Week

- **Davening Times**

	Shabbos Dec. 4	Sun. Dec. 5	Mon. Dec. 6	Tues. * Dec. 7	Wed. * Dec. 8	Thur. Dec. 9	Fri. Dec. 10	Shabbos Dec. 11
Shachris	9:00 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	6:45 am	6:45 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv	4:05 pm	4:20 pm	4:20 pm	-	-	4:20 pm	4:20 pm	4:05 pm
Maariv Only	-	-	-	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	-	-

* Rosh Chodesh Chanukah

- **Sunday Learning** (tomorrow, Sunday Dec 5, 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 5, 9:15 am) - with *Rabbi Smason* for young men and women in the Rabbi's office.

- **Toys for Chanukah Last Chance** - Bring new gifts for needy children to the office by Dec 7.
- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** (Wednesday, December 8, 12:15 pm) - Insights for daily living from the weekly Torah portion; in the Auditorium.
- **CHANUKAH Continues** (through Thursday, December 9) - light candles after dark; last candles on Wednesday, December 8
- **105th Anniversary Celebration Reservations** - Send them in, now!

Coming Events

- **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group** (Tuesday, Dec 7. 2:30 pm) - "Six Constant Mitzvos" presented by *Rabbi Shaya Mintz* of the St. Louis Kollel at the home of *Jackie Berkin*; all women are welcome.
- **105th Anniversary Celebration and Hors D'oeuvre Reception** (Sunday, December 12) - Honoring **JoAnn Raskas** and **Ron Rosen**, benefactors and inspiration for the NHBZ Lion's Den Pizza Night that has delighted the entire St. Louis Jewish community; also honoring **Alex** and **Jack Lyss** with the first NHBZ Youth Service Award for their exemplary service to the shul; it is with great pleasure that we give well-deserved kovod (honor) to these wonderful people; we have chosen to create an elegant, elaborate evening at our current location. 8630 Olive Boulevard, to bid a fond farewell in a grand manner to the "old" as we prepare to move into our new home in 2011.
- **Carry-Out Pizza Night** (Wednesday, December 15)
- **Next Gift Card Order Days** (Dec 15 and 30) - Buy Gift Cards and get free money for NHBZ.
- **NHBZ Sisterhood Meeting and Lunch** - Tuesday, December 21
- **'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)
- **Irvin Alper Social Club** (Sunday, Dec 26, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm)
- **Morris Lenga Yiddish Club** (Thursday, January 6, 7:00 pm)
- **Installation Shabbos** (Saturday, January 8)
- **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.

Meetings

- **Board of Directors Meeting** - Tuesday, December 14; Maariv at 6:30 pm; meeting at 7:00 pm.
- **Executive Committee Meeting** - Tuesday, Dec 28; Maariv at 6:30 pm; meeting at 7:00 pm.

Reminders

- **Sponsorships** - If you would like to sponsor kiddush, Soda, Shalosh Seudos, this bulletin, or something special and unique in honor or in memory of someone, please call 314-991-2100, ext. 2, to make arrangements.
- **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; all goods prepared in the NHBZ kitchen under the supervision of Rabbi Ze'ev Smason; Norma Yabeta will take your orders at 314-398-1044 or send an email to lemuriana999@hotmail.com by Noon on Wednesdays to have your baked goods ready for Shabbos.

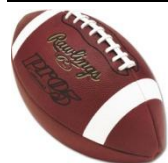
Beyond Twelve Gates' refers to a beautiful concept taught by the great mystic *Rabbi Isaac Luria* (1534-1572), also known as 'The Ari'. There exist twelve gates of prayers in Heaven — one for each tribe of Israel. There also exists a Heavenly thirteenth gate. Through this gate the prayers of all Jews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

Parshas Mikeitz / Chanukah

December 3, 2010

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Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates.



Last month, South New Jersey was host to a heated battle between two struggling teams. When the game was finally over, Sterling High coach Jarod Claybourn had to decide what to do with a game ball from his program's first win in two years. In a choice that testified to Coach Claybourn's class, he gave the ball to the other coach. Sterling High entered having lost 17 straight games. The losing team, Gateway High, saw its own losing streak pushed to 17 games.

Jarod Claybourn said that there was no reason why his team deserved to win any more than its opponent. "They just ran out of time. They

deserved to win that game as much as we did, if not more." Claybourn indicated his decision to give up the game ball was a reflection of his own personal experience. While struggling through week after week of losses, it was sometimes hard to find positive signs to build on. Gaining the respect of an opponent is one of those signs, and handing over the winning game ball, he said, was the best way to support and encourage an opponent. About the game ball he received, Gateway coach Mike Carp said, "Classiest thing I've ever seen on a football field."

Goethe said, "Behavior is a mirror in which every one displays his own image." Treating others with respect and dignity reflects a belief that all human beings are created in the image of G-d.

Parshas Mikeitz Genesis 41:1 -- 44:17

Pharaoh has a two-part dream about seven scrawny cows devouring seven robust cows, followed by seven thin stalks of grain swallowing seven healthy, good ones. When his advisers are unable to adequately interpret the dream, Pharaoh summons Joseph, who had been in prison for a total of twelve years. Ascribing his power of interpretation solely to G-d, Joseph tells Pharaoh that Egypt will first experience seven years of abundant crops, and then will be ravaged by a devastating famine. Pharaoh appoints Joseph as viceroy of Egypt, making him the second most powerful man in the land (this is a source within the Torah for tennis -- we see that Joseph served in Pharaoh's court!). Joseph's wife Asnat gives birth to two sons, Menashe and Ephraim, and the years of plenty and famine unfold just as Joseph had predicted.



With the famine also devastating the land of Canaan (Israel), Joseph's brothers descend to Egypt to purchase food. When they don't recognize their royal brother, Joseph sets in motion a plan to determine if the brothers have fully repented for their sin of selling him almost twenty-two years before. Joseph acts detached, accusing them of being spies, and holds Simeon hostage. Joseph then allows the rest of the brothers to go with food to their father on the condition that they return with their youngest brother Benjamin. With great reluctance, Jacob agrees to this condition. Mikeitz concludes with the looming threat that Benjamin will be made a slave to the Egyptian ruler.

Rabbinical Ruminations

Got *gelt*? Though many people are accustomed to giving presents on Chanukah, playing dreidel for money (*gelt*) is an old spin (pun intended) on a traditional Chanukah experience. Dreidels find their way into Jewish homes of all levels of observance both in Israel and the world over. What connection is there between Chanukah and money?

The Hebrew word Chanukah shares the same root as *chinuch*, education. The occupying Greek forces wanted to make the Jewish population forget the Torah and its way of life. After the defeat of the Greeks, it was necessary to re-educate a large segment of the Jewish people -- particularly the children. Maimonides writes that it is important to use incentives to educate children until they are old

enough to independently appreciate the beauty and importance of living a Jewishly committed life. On Chanukah, the holiday which is dedicated to education, we give our children Chanukah *gelt* to add to the festive spirit of the holiday, and to encourage them in the study of Torah and observance of the *mitzvos*.

Chanukah *gelt* can be given any time throughout Chanukah (aside from Shabbos). Some have the admirable custom of *gelt*-giving each weeknight of Chanukah. This year, as our dreidels spin, may we all remember the spiritual values of Chanukah: the primacy of living a committed Jewish life, and the small miracles that constantly surround us.

Quote of the Week

I do not feel obliged to believe that the same G-d who has endowed us with sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forgo their use -- Galileo Galilei (1564-1642)



Joke of the Week



OY VEY!

Chaim sought medical aid because he had bulging eyes and ringing in the ears. A doctor looked him over and suggested removal of the tonsils. The operation resulted in no improvement, so the patient consulted another doctor who suggested removal of his teeth. The teeth were extracted but still Chaim's eyes bulged and the ringing in his ears continued.

A third doctor told him bluntly, "You've got six months to live." In that event, the doomed man decided he'd treat himself right while he could. He bought a fancy car, a chauffeur, had the best tailor in town make him 30 suits, and decided even his shirts would be made-to-order.

"Okay," said the shirt maker, "let's get your measurement. Hmm, 34 sleeve, 16 collar -- "

"Fifteen," Chaim said.

"Sixteen collar," the shirt maker repeated, measuring again.

"But I've always worn a 15 collar," said Chaim.

"Listen," the shirt maker said, "I'm warning you. You keep wearing a 15 collar and your eyes will bulge and you'll have ringing in your ears."

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.

Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

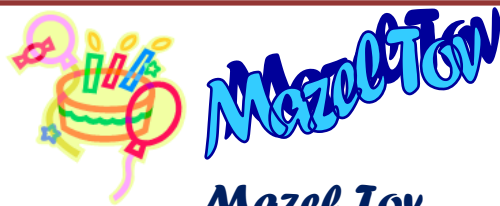
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Mazel Tov

To our friends celebrating
Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries
in the month of December

Sandra Abrams	Justin Shanitkvitch
Gerald Bolt	Jonathan Shanker
Avi Borow	Lil Simpson
Irvin Bremler	Chiyya Smason
Bill Carl	Elisheva Sudin
Faye Cohen	Gary Sudin
Harold Hoffman	Eli Szus
Adrienne Jackson	Menachem Szus
Al Katz	Mayer Taller
Bonnie Klein	Mark Tendler
Melissa Marbain	Mary Weiner
Jonathan Pollack	Alex Yasinev
David Reisler	Daniella Yasinev
Gail Rose	Dennis Yasinev
Marvin Schneider	Daniel Zarkowsky

Craig & Jackie Berkin
Aaron & Pearl Borow
Abert & Sheila Goodman
Ron & Sandra Segall
Gary & Trudy Sudin
Efim & Dora Sulpovar
Carl & Shirley Sussman
Leonid & Stella Vladimirov

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NHBZ Chanukah Helpers!!!

TOYS FOR CHANUKAH



It's time to shop
for the kids
in our community!



TOYS & GAMES
for all age children



Please bring your UN-wrapped,
BRAND NEW gifts to our office by
Monday, December 1

Help the needy children
in St. Louis have a
very happy Chanukah!



First Candle of Chanukah ~ Wed. night, December 1

Thanks for bringing toys:

Jessica Fadem	Alan & Janet Haber
Sarah Klein	Morris & Estelle Kram
Esther Gelb	Ted & Rachael Pevnick
Ruth Alper	Craig & Jackie Berkin
Marian Walters	Lou & Shirley Osheroff
Bob & Joni Kaiser	Alan & Vivian Zarkowsky
NHBZ Sisterhood	

Your name would look great **HERE!**



Mazel Tov
On Simchas this week!
December 4-10, 2010!

Happy Birthday

Avi Borow
Harold Hoffman
Lil Simpson
Mayer Taller
Mary Weiner
Alex Yasinev

Happy Anniversary
Gary & Trudy Sudin

St. Louis Torah MiTzion Kollel Invites You to a
Gala Fundraising Event



A Celebration of Chanukah

to benefit Torah MiTzion Kollel,
Sherut Leumi, and Bnei Akiva



Saturday Night, December 4, 2010

The Fourth Night of Chanukah

7:30 pm at the Cedars at the JCA

13190 South Outer 40 Road

featuring a musical concert by the

Eckhardt Ensemble of Milwaukee

Mezze Buffet & Chanukah Dessert Bar

Young Leadership Award presented to:

Adira Axelbaum, Danielle Baron,
Amiad Fredman, Yosef Groener,
Levi Kaufman, Tali Koshner, Shira Mogil,
Loni Schuman, Merav Simon, Daniella Yasinev

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