# NHBZ Shabbos, Shemini Atzeres & Simchas Torah Bulletin

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

Oct 5 - Oct 9, 2011 19 -23 Tishrei, 5772

This Shabbos Bulletin is sponsored by Leo Bressler to welcome his grandchildren Eli Szus from New York and Dana & Elie Sutton from Israel

### Erev Shabbos – Friday Evening, October 5

• Mincha & Maariv (6:20 pm); Light Candles (6:19 pm))

## Shabbos Chol Hamoed Sukkos - Saturday, October 6

**Torah Portion:** Exodus 33:12 - 34:26 Siddur pp 478 - 479 Chumash pages 504 - 513 Maftir: Numbers 29:26 - 29:31 Siddur p 477 Chumash pages 896 - 897 Haftorah: Ezekiel 38:18 - 39:16 Siddur p 480 Chumash pages 1243 - 1244

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

- Pesukei D'Zimra: Howard Sandler - Haftorah: Dr. Ethan Schuman - Shacharis: Dr. Ethan Schuman - Sermon: Rabbi Ze'ev Smason - Musaf: Dr. Ethan Schuman - Leyning: Adam Ariel

- **Child Care** (10:00 am Noon) for children 3 years old and younger, in the Children's Room downstairs.
- **Youth Programming** (10:15 am 11:00 am) for children ages 4-8, in Youth Lounge on lower level.
- Learners Service (10:15 am) led by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason, in the Chapel on the lower level.
- **Kiddush** (following Musaf) thanks to 'pop-star' of the week **Tamara Kaufman** for sponsoring soda and a special cookie in honor of the birthday of her daughter Sarah; thanks to Dr. Jay Pepose, David, Morissa, Max & Sam for sponsoring brownies & ice cream treats in honor of the birthday of their wife and mother Dr. Susan Feigenbaum'; Happy Birthday to Sarah and Susan! Thanks to Leo Bressler for the special cakes in honor of all his grandchildren!
- Shabbos Study Group (5:00 pm) Studies in Tanach, led by Menachem Szus.
- Mincha / Shalosh Seudos / Ma'ariv (6:00 pm)
- Shabbos Concludes (7:21 pm)

#### This Week



- Sunday Learning, RAP w/ RABBI Teen Group, and Tanya Class (all resume Sun. Oct. 14)
- Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn (Wed. Oct 10, 12:15 pm) in the Teen Lounge; now studying Pirkei Avos (Ethics of the Fathers, in English), which deals with Jewish ethical and moral principles.
- **Shechita Class** (Thursday, Oct 10, 5:30 pm 6:30 pm) An 8 month series of classes for men led by Rabbi Chaim Loike, a Rabbinic Coordinator with the OU Kashruth Division; at NHBZ lower level.

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• Morris Lenga Yiddish Club (Thursday, Nov 1, 7:30 pm) – Join us for a spirited hour filled with Yiddish stories, songs and laughter; "mavens" as well as novices are welcome.

### **Erev Shemini Atzeres – Sunday, October 7**

Mincha & Maariv (6:10 pm); Light Candles (6:17 pm)

## **Shemini Atzeres - Monday, October 8**

 Torah Portion:
 Deuteronomy 14:22 – 16:17
 Siddur pp 481 – 483
 Chumash pp 1012 - 1023

 Maftir:
 Numbers 29:35 - 30:1
 Siddur p 483
 Chumash p 896 - 899

 Haftorah:
 I Kings 8:54 – 8:66
 Siddur pp 483 – 484
 Chumash pp 1245

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

Pesukei D'Zimra: Alan Zarkowsky
 Shacharis: Dr. Ethan Schuman
 Leyning: Akiva Anton
 Haftorah: Ron Makovsky
 Sermon: Rabbi Ze'ev Smason
 Musaf: Dr. Ethan Schuman

■ Child Care (10:00 am – Noon) - for children age 3 and younger, in the Children's Room downstairs

• **Yizkor** (10:30 am); **Mincha** (6:10 pm)

## **Erev Simchas Torah – Monday Evening, October 8**

• Mincha (6:10 pm); Light Candles (7:18 pm)

Ma'ariv (6:35 pm) -Hakofos (7:00 pm) -Free Dinner (7:35 pm) -Resume Hakofos -(8:15 pm)

### Simchas Torah - Tuesday, October 9

Torah Portions: Deuteronomy 33:1 – 34:12 Siddur pp 484 - 486 Chumash pp 1112 - 1125

Genesis 1:1 – 2:3 Siddur pp 486 – 488 Chumash pp 2 - 11

 Maftir:
 Numbers 29:35 – 30:1
 Siddur p 489 - 490
 Chumash pp 896 - 898

 Haftorah:
 Joshua 1:1 – 1:18
 Siddur pp 489 - 490
 Chumash pp 1246 - 1247

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

Pesukei D'Zimra: Howard Sandler
 Shacharis: Menachem Szus
 Haftorah: Uppfur Grabbs
 Sermon: None today

- Leyning: Eli Szus & Elie Sutton - Musaf: Uppfur Grabs

Kol Hanarim - All Children Called to Torah (11:00 am)

Mincha (6:10 pm) Yom Tov Concludes (7:17 pm)

## **Coming Events**

- No Events or Meetings Until After Simchas Torah for the following: Pizza Night, NHBZ Womens Home Study Group, Irvin Alper Social Club, Sisterhood, Women's Guide to Time.
- Rabbi Ride-Around (Sunday, October 28) see picture ad for details.
- Dine-in Pizza Night (Sunday, October 28, 5:00 pm 7:00 pm)

## **Jewish Deaf Community Shabbaton at NHBZ**

#### Friday, October 19

6:00 pm - Mincha

Presentation "What to Say – What to Pray"
7:00 pm – Dinner (\$15 adults, \$8 kids under 11)
Rabbi Yehosua Soudakoff will speak on
"What the Synagogue Can do to Include
the Jewish Deaf Community"

#### Saturday, October 20

9:00 am - Shachris and Musaf

Torah reading and Sermon will be 'signed'

Noon – Kiddush / Lunch

Rabbi Lederfeind, director of 'OurWay', will speak on "What We Can Learn From

Noach"

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## Beyond Twelve Gates by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

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 prayer 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.

Chol HaMoed Shabbos/ Shmini Atzeres/ Simchas Torah

October 6, 2012

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#### Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates



In the 1978 film, *The End*, Burt Reynolds portrays a man with a terminal illness, who in desperation hires a homicidal maniac to kill him. When he discovers he does not have a

terminal illness, he must artfully dodge his hired predator. In one scene, Reynolds' character bargains with G-d, "If you will spare my life, I will give you 90% of everything I earn." When the danger of Reynold's assassination apparently diminishes, the bargain with G-d rapidly diminishes to 80%, 70%, 60%, 50%, 40% - down to nothing. When the assassin suddenly appears again, Reynold's character renews the 90% pledge until the danger passes again.

We've all heard the adage, "There is no atheist in a foxhole." When the going gets tough, even an atheist seem to be able to find it within himself to offer a prayer or two. Danger seems to have an ability to bring out the "believer" from within even the most ardent disbeliever. There exists a common element to humanity's need to relate to our Creator. Whether a person is a corporate executive, a farmer, a multimillionaire, or simply a self-proclaimed atheist, when all efforts fail to bring about the desired success, we recognize our limitations. Whether our prayers are expressions of praise and gratitude, or requests for assistance, the root of prayer is the same for everyone.

### <u>Shabbos Chol HaMoed Sukkos</u> <u>Exodus 33:12 - 34:26</u>



On the Shabbos that falls during the Intermediate Days (*Chol HaMoed*) of Sukkos the regular cycle of Torah readings is interrupted with a reading that reflects the theme of the holiday.

Our reading this Shabbos is a section of the book of Exodus. Specifically, it is the text from divisions (aliyos) three through six of Parsha Ki Sisa, but newly divided into seven aliyos for a complete Shabbos reading.

Ki Sisa, you will remember, is when Moses comes down from Mount Sinai with the first set of tablets to find that the Jewish people had made a golden calf. Moses breaks the tablets and G-d punishes the guilty. This Shabbos' reading begins right after that

point. Toward the end of this Torah reading, G-d gives the commandments to observe the three festivals of Passover, Shavuos, and Succos and to appear in Jerusalem on those three occasions.

#### Shemini Atzeres and Simchas Torah



Shemini Atzeres is a two-day holiday immediately following the seventh day of Sukkos. It begins on Monday. Simchas Torah is celebrated on Tuesday, the second day of Shemini Atzeres. The

Torah reading for the first day is Deuteronomy 14:22 -16:17.

Shemini Atzeres is a holiday in its own right. 'Shemini Atzeres' literally means 'Stop (on) the Eighth Day'. Benjamin Franklin once said, 'fish and visitors smell in three days'. The Almighty, however, has a different perspective! G-d, who has had us as 'visitors' for Sukkos, asks us to stay with Him for an eighth day. Seeing our loved ones leave is difficult; so too, G-d loves His children and desires that we spend one more day with Him in festive celebration.

On Simchas Torah we read the final Torah portion, V'zos Ha'Bracha (Deuteronomy 33:1 -- 34:12). We then immediately proceed to the first chapter of Genesis, reminding us that the Torah is a circle which never ends. The completion of the Torah is a time of great celebration. There are processions around the synagogue carrying Torah scrolls, with plenty of high-spirited singing and dancing.

#### Rabbinic Ruminations



Have you ever heard someone say that something "passed the smell test"? The "smell test" is an idiom for an informal method of determining whether something is true by using one's common sense. Our actual physical

sense of smell can reveal more than we might imagine. Each one of our nostrils contains approximately 10 million specialized sensory cells (olfactory receptors), which respond to airborne chemicals and send the message on to the brain. The brain can identify and remember an astounding 10,000 different types of smells.

A recent study has found that everybody has a unique body odor, like their fingerprints, that could be

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used as an unique identifier. Your signature odor-your "eau d'you" - remains even if you vary your diet with strong smelling foods such as garlic and spices. Smelling people can reveal your mate, as a quick whiff allows the body to detect a person's genetic makeup. The U.S. Department of Defense has invested \$3 million in the development of a device that can identify people according to their body odor. It has also been found that the body odors of identical twins are significantly more similar than the scents of unrelated people.

The sense of smell is thousands of times more sensitive than the sense of taste; however, a vocabulary that exactly describes smells, such as we've developed for color, has never been developed. This is because the sense of smell is spiritual, a part of the neshama, as it says (Tehillim 150:6) 'let all the neshama praise G-d'. What is the thing that benefits the neshama? The answer is: aroma. However, the other senses are more physical and more frequently subject to error.

#### **Quote of the Week**

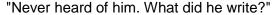
"If you continue to work and absorb the beauty in the world around you, you will find that age does not necessarily mean getting old." - Pablo Casals, Spanish cellist and conductor (1876 - 1973)

## Joke of the Week

A visitor to Israel attended a recital and concert at the Moscovitz Auditorium. He was quite impressed with the architecture and the acoustics.

He inquired of the tour guide, "Is this magnificent auditorium named after Chaim Moscovitz, the famous Talmudic scholar?"

"No," replied the guide. "It is named after Sam Moscovitz, the writer."



<sup>&</sup>quot;A check", replied the guide.



#### Mazel Tov On Simchas

Oct 6 - Oct 12

## Happy Birthday

Mikhail Epshteyn Ina Makovsky Polina Golynskiy

## Happy Anniversary

Jonathan & Naomi Shanker Mike & Bernadette Elbaz

Show your friends you care - SEND A TRIBUTE Shul: Call Gloria Waxman 314-872-3296 Sisterhood: Phyllis Silverman 314-434-2482 Libby Needle Fund: Sally Needle 314-991-2575 Chesed Fund: Drop by the office for a Card Pack

#### SCHNUCKS BACK-TO-SCHOOL CONTEST

Deadline is Oct 31 to Shop & Win for NHBZ!

The 12 organizations that have the highest sales increase in Sept/Oct 2013 compared to 2012 will win.

There will be 4 1st,  $2^{nd}$  & 3rd place prizes awarded. 1st Prize \$500 ~  $2^{nd}$  Prize \$250 ~  $3^{rd}$  Prize \$100 Use your Schnucks Card **now**, and make it count!!!

#### **DAVENING TIP**

Silence during davening is golden!
"Silence is a source of Great Strength." — Lao Tzu

### High Holiday THANK YOUS

#### Providing Break-the-Fast Snacks

**Bob and Sandie Abrams; Esther Gelb in memory of Adolph Gelb** 

#### Setting Up Sanctuary

Lenny Alper, Fran Alper, Mimi Fiszel, Larry Chervitz, Linda Szus, Menachem Szus, Micky Szus, Justin Zeid, Kenny Bressler, Alan Zarkowsky, Alan Haber, Bob Kaiser, Jonathan Yasinev, Michelle Mufson, Ephraim Mufson

#### Setting up Learners Service Room

Bob Kaiser, Larry Chervitz

#### Preparing Sanctuary Side Mechitza Curtains

Leonid Vladimirov

#### **Changing Torah Mantels**

Mayer Taller, Boris Yasinev, Mati Elmaleh, Manny, Sid Silverman

#### Hanging Paroches And Shulchan Cover

Trudy Sudin

#### **Changing Prayer Books**

Lenny Alper, Moshe Pinto, Menachem Szus, Fran Alper, Mati Elmaleh, Boris Yasinev, Mia Mandel, Sue Feigenbaum

#### **Constructing The Sukkah**

Mayer Taller (organizer), Craig Berkin, Don Eisenberg, Mati Elmaleh, Alan Haber, **Mike Hirsch**, Harold Hoffman, Bob Kaiser, Bobby Levine, Jay, Max & Sam Pepose, Jim Pollock, Menachem Szus, Doug Ugent, Boris Yasinev.

#### Seating Arrangements

Sandie Abrams, Lenny Alper

#### Family Service

Abi Epstein, Nancy Belau, Mindy Woolf, Bob Kaiser

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## Stump the Rabbi

Ask Rabbi Smason questions about Judaism. Ask in person, phone or email: <a href="mailto:Pepshort613@gmail.com">Pepshort613@gmail.com</a>

#### Question:

Why do we have the custom of dancing in a circle on Simchas Torah?

#### Answer:

The mystics teach that when unity exists among G-d's ambassadors -- the Jewish People -- to that extent G-d's Unity is revealed in this world. When we have *achdus* (unity), G-d's presence is unmistakably detected. When we fulfill the commandment of "And you will love your friend as yourself," (Leviticus 19:18), and love each other and are genuinely happy for our friends' successes, this causes a greater perception of G-d in the world. When there is resentment, envy and hatred, we take a step away from the type of world we want to create.

On Simchas Torah we complete the annual reading of the Torah. As soon as we finish the last verse we start again at the beginning. We read the Torah in a continuous cycle because a circle is a symbol of eternity. The Torah goes on forever, just as the One who gave us the Torah is Eternal.

Thus there exists the ancient custom of dancing for hours around the *bima* (Torah-reading table) on Simchas Torah -- the holiday on which we celebrate the completion of the yearly Torah cycle. This circle of dancing symbolizes the eternity of the Torah and its Author.

## **Fourth Annual**

## Rabbi Ride-Around

Sunday, October 28

Join us as Rabbi Smason
rides 50 miles on the
Forest Park bike trail



Please become a sponsor for the Ride-Around. We ask a minimum pledge of 25c per mile, which equals a total donation of \$12.50; or . . . 50c/mi = \$25; \$1/mi = \$50; \$2/mi = \$100.00!

Call our office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2, to make your pledge.

## Simchas Torah





Hakofos (Parade of Torahs), Dinner & Auction
FREE TO ALL, Please RSVP, 314-991-2100, ext. 5, so we know how many people to prepare for.
Thanks to Sisterhood for providing Candy Apples!
SIMCHAS TORAH DAY Tuesday, October 9
Hakofos, Read the last & first Parashos of Torah

Announcing

## NHBZ's 107<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Honoring

Rabbi Shaya Mintz of St. Louis Kollel and Rebbitzen Mindi Mintz of Torah Prep and Woman of Valor Ruth Novack Alper Sunday Evening, December 2, 2012 at Nusach Hari Bnai Zion

We are proud to present our Honorees for 2012 ~~ Rabbi Shaya and Mindi Mintz. Rabbi Mintz, the head of programming at the St. Louis Kollel, has conducted a class for our Women's Group once a month for the past several years, at the home of Jackie Berkin, and is now the instructor of our newly formed Tanya Class on Sunday nights. *Mindi Mintz* is the principal of Judaic Studies at Torah Prep and has spoken at our Women's Rosh Chodesh groups. In addition to their many community activities, the Mintz's are the proud and busy parents of five active children. We also present the recipient of our Woman of Valor award – Ruth Novack Alper. Ruth has been an integral part of Nusach Hari B'nai Zion since 1955. She has served on the Boards of Directors of our Shul and Sisterhood, and currently holds the positions of Sisterhood treasurer and president of the Irvin Alper Social Club.

It is with great pleasure that we give well-deserved kovod (honor) to these wonderful people on Sunday, December 2, 2012. We have chosen to create an elegant, elaborate evening right here – to celebrate our anniversary in a grand manner.

## Anniversary Celebration Ad Journal

Each year, we publish an Ad Journal that is distributed at the Anniversary Celebration. You will soon receive order forms for the journal. Please respond with your business ads, as well as your personal greetings and messages to our honorees in honor of the *107<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NHBZ*.

Janet Haber, President
Dr. Ethan Schuman, Chazan

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## Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Sisterhood New Year Greetings 5773

- Our warmest wishes for a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year to all. May G-d grant you all that you desire, and bless you with good health, mazel and much naches in the coming year and years to come Rachael & Ted Pevnick and Family, Sisterhood President
- May we all be blessed with good health and happiness in the coming year Esther Gelb & Family, New Year Greetings Chairperson

#### Thanks to everyone for their generous contributions!

If you haven't sent your check yet, please mail it soon. If we inadvertently missed your name, please call so we can list it in the next bulletin. If you see your name, but were not called, it is because we couldn't reach you. We hope you wanted to be included and will send a contribution. Any questions? Please call *Esther Gelb*, New Year Greetings Chairperson **314-567-1683**.

**Bob & Sandie Abrams** 

Andy, Loren & Ileana Abrams
Ruth Novack Alper & Family

Lenny, Fran, Caryn & Joanna Alper

Stanley & Lois Alper

Fabian & Francine Attoun

Gary & Nancy Benson

Andy & Ellen Berg

Craig & Jackie Berkin

Bertha Berman & Family

Sam & Shirley Bluestein & Family

Jerry & Helen Bolt & Family

Arnold Brody

Byron Brownstein

Rhoda & William Carl

Frances & Jerry Cohen

June Cohen & Family Don & Julie Eisenberg

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Drs. Susan Feigenbaum & Jay Pepose & Family

Edna Feit & Family

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Mimi Fiszel

Frances Fixman & Allen Fixman

Arlene & Irwin Fredman & Family

Shirley Fredlich

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Esther Gelb & Family

Marvin & Jackie Gitel

Stan & Rhonnie Goldfader Abert & Sheila Goodman

Rabbi Dr. Howard & Felicia Graber

& Family

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Robert, Debbie, Samantha,

Branden & Alex

Joyce Cherry Kabak

Sandy & Kurt Kahn

Bob, Joni, Hannah & Rebecca

Kaiser

Esther Kalina & Family

Miriam Kapalusz

Natalie Klamen

Sidney Kleg

The Kleimans

Sarah Klein & Family

Morris & Estelle Kram

Ann Lenga & Family

Shirley Kranzberg

Esther Levine

Bobby, Sheryl & Nina Levine

Ed & Jane Lyss & Family

Ron & Ina Makovsky

Joel & Susan Manesberg

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Ephraim & Michelle Mufson,

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Raymond & Jacqueline Pultman

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Irwin & Roz Rosen & Family

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Dr. Ethan & Debby Schuman &

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Family

Jack Tepper

Marty Tessler

Sylvia Tessler

Bobbie Tolpen & Family

Leonid & Stella Vladimirov

Marian Walters & Children

Alan & Vivian Zarkowsky & Family

Judy & Ed Ziegelman

Now forming: **Yachad St. Louis**. Initial parents meeting, Sunday, Oct. 14, 7:00 pm at Young Israel. First program Oct. 28. For more information contact Debbie Garbow at 314 863-0070.

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