



NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

April 9, 2011

5 Nisan, 5771

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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Haftorah:

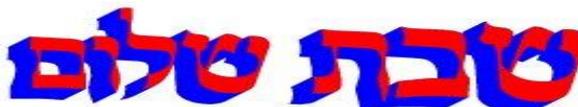
Leviticus 12:1 - 13:58
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Today

- **Shachris & Musaf (9:00 am)** - Thank you for leading services:
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
 - Shacharis: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
 - Leyning: **Michael Shapiro**
 - Haftorah: **Kenny Bressler**
 - Sermon: **None today**
 - Musaf: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
- **Learners Service (10:30 am)** - Led by **Rabbi Chanan Swidler** in the Chapel.
- **Jr. Congregations (10:30 am)** - Girls Jr. Congregation and younger children meet in Children's Room with **Nina Levine**; 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 April! Our celebrants invite you to Kiddush & Lunch in the Joe Rothman Auditorium. Please be seated and silent until **Rabbi Smason** makes Kiddush; then you may wash. Next, please be seated and silent until **Rabbi Smason** makes HaMotzi. After lunch, **Sergeant Benjamin Anthony**, IDF Reserves, of the 'Our Soldiers Speak' organization will speak on the topic **"Hope in the Midst of War"**.
- **Shabbos Study Group (6:10 pm)** - Studies in Tanach, led by **Menachem Szus**; everyone at any level of learning is welcome; now studying Yeshayahu (Isaiah).
- **Boys' Mishna Study Group (6:25 pm)** - With **Rabbi Smason**, for boys ages 10-17.
- **Mincha / Shalosh Seudos (6:55 pm)** - is sponsored this evening by **Esther Kalina** in memory of her husband, **Syd Kalina**, and by **Marian Walters** in memory of her husband, **Kurt Walters**.
- **Shabbos concludes (8:17 pm)**

This Week



Davening Times	Shabbos Apr. 9	Sun. Apr. 10	Mon. Apr. 11	Tues. Apr. 12	Wed. Apr. 13	Thur. Apr. 14	Fri. Apr. 15	Shabbos Apr. 16
Shachris	9:00 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	6:45 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv	6:55 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm

- **Sunday Learning (tomorrow, Sunday Apr 10, 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 Apr 10, 9:15 am - 10:00 am)** - with **Rabbi Smason** for young men and women in the Rabbi's office; no class on 4/17 and 4/24, resuming on 5/1.
- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn (Wednesday, Apr 13, 12:15 pm)** - Now studying *Pirkei Avos (Ethics of the Fathers)* in English, which deals with Jewish ethical and moral principles; Please join us for an enjoyable and relevant presentation and discussion each Wednesday.
- **Buy and Use Your Pre-Paid Cash Cards (Next Order Days are Apr 13 and Apr 29)** - Earn free money for NHBZ. *Order your cards this week! You pay with Cash Cards just like cash in hand.*
- **Buy and Use Kohn's Scrip** - now available in time for Passover; see picture ad for details.

- **Sell Chametz** - It is time to sell! See *Rabbi Smason* after daily minyan, or call the office; it is customary donate to the Rabbi's Charity Fund if *Rabbi Smason* is your agent for selling chametz.
- **Maos Chittim** (literally 'money for wheat') - The Vaad Hoeir of St. Louis conducts its annual Maos Chittim campaign to assist people in the St. Louis community, as well as in Israel, who need help to properly celebrate Pesach; see picture ad for more details.

Coming Events

- **Shabbos HaGodol** (*The Great Sabbath, Saturday, April 16*) - This is the Shabbat before Pesach. It commemorates the 10th day of Nissan, when the Hebrew slaves took the lambs that they were going to offer for Pesach and tied them up outside their homes, to keep until they offered them on the 14th of Nisan. This was a very dangerous thing to do, because Egyptians worshipped sheep; but miraculously, instead of slaughtering the Hebrews, the Egyptians fought with each other over whether the Hebrews should be sent away already. The special haftorah for this Shabbos is Malachi 3:4 - 3:24, which tells about the return of Elijah the prophet and the coming of the Messiah. We believe that Elijah will return at Pesach, and that is why we include a cup of wine for him at the seder.
- **Dine-in Pizza Night** (*Sunday, April 17, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm*) - One day before Pesach, leave the Chometz cooking to us! There is no Pizza Night on the last Sunday of the April (during Pesach).
- **Next Carry-Out Pizza Night** (*Wednesday, May 11*) - There is no carry-out Pizza Night in April.
- **Irvin Alper Social Club** - There will be no meeting in April.
- **NHBZ Sisterhood** - There will be no events in April.
- **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group** (*First Tuesday, May 3, 2:30 pm*) - at the home of *Jackie Berkin*; Topic is "The Six Constant Mitzvos," presented by *Rabbi Shaya Mintz*, of the St. Louis Kollel; All women are welcome; please join us!!!
- **Morris Lengua Yiddish Club** (*First Thursday, May 5, 7:30 pm*) - Join us for a spirited hour filled with Yiddish stories, songs and laughter; seasoned "mavens" as well as novices are welcome.

Kashrus News

- **Vaad Hoeir of St. Louis 2011 Passover Guide** - Go to link: www.ovkosher.org; or pick up paper copies in the office.
- **Whole Grain Quinoa (Keenwah) for Pesach** - is approved by cRc if it is imported exclusively from Bolivia & packed by companies that pack whole grain quinoa exclusively, and it must be carefully inspected by hand *before Pesach*; while there may be others, **Ancient Harvest** and **Trader Joe's** are two brands that qualify.



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Meetings

- **Board of Directors** - **Wednesday, April 13**; minyan at 7:00 pm; meeting at 7:00 pm
- **Legacy Committee** - **Monday, April 11, Noon**; in the auditorium.



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.
- **Tributes** - For Shul, call *Gloria Waxman* at 872-3296
For sisterhood call *Phyllis Silverman* at 434-2482
For Libby Needle Fund Tribute - Call *Sally Needle* 314-991-2575
- **Synagogue Honors** - It is customary to make a donation to the synagogue for an Aliyah or other synagogue honors received.
- **Volunteer Opportunities** - NHBZ needs YOU! NHBZ is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 52 weeks per year; to provide such an ongoing service, 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 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.

Parshas Metzora

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Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates



Are you a visual illiterate? If so, Harvard Professor John Stilgoe's class may be just for you -- because looking around is exactly what he

teaches. Stilgoe, who teaches the art of exploration, introduces his students to a method of discovering a hidden world that's always been right in plain view.

"I start by showing slides of things that they think they have seen, and it turns out they haven't seen. The white arrow that's on the side of every Fed Ex truck is a nice place to start. Almost everybody's seen a Federal Express truck, almost nobody's seen the white arrow," says Stilgoe. "Before they've learned to read, toddlers will see the arrow. And I've asked toddlers, 'Do you see the arrow on the truck?' And they usually do. The arrow is between the lower half of the capital E, and the X." Stilgoe says the arrow is just one of millions of things that are right in front of our eyes that we never notice.

The Torah identifies two types of miracles; the "great, public" miracles, and the "hidden" miracles. The first category includes the miracles of the Exodus, the ten plagues and the splitting of the Red Sea. The second category includes every other occurrence that affects us, those usually categorized as "natural," or as part of nature. We're surrounded by millions of small miracles, but often take them for granted. Let us learn to overcome our 'spiritual visual illiteracy' -- by taking notice of the abundance of small miracles around us.



Parshas Tazria: Metzora 14:1 - 15:33

Parshas Metzora discusses the purification process for the *metzora*. A *metzora* was a person inflicted with *tzara'as* - a skin or hair abnormality caused by certain spiritual illnesses. After the *Kohen* declares him to be pure, the *metzora* completes a ritual procedure using two birds, spring water in an earthen vessel, cedar wood, a scarlet thread and a bundle of hyssop. He is then allowed to enter the camp, but he must dwell outside of his tent for seven days. His impurity is now only contagious through direct contact, being considered a

primary source of uncleanness. Before entering the camp, the *metzora's* entire body is shaved. After a seven-day wait, the person is shaved a second time, and on the eighth day, brings three animals and an oil offering to the Temple. With this, the purification process is completed.

The Torah offers an alternative for one who lacks the finances to participate in the prescribed offerings. The laws dealing with blemishes that appear on a house are detailed. The parsha concludes with other forms of contamination and their appropriate purification processes.

Rabbinic Ruminations



Can machines think? Since thinking' is difficult to define, a test was introduced by Alan Turing in 1950 to demonstrate a machine's ability to demonstrate intelligence.

Known as the **Turing Test**, a human judge engages in a natural language conversation with one human and one machine, each of which tries to appear human. All participants are separated from one another. If the judge cannot reliably tell the machine from the human, the machine is said to have passed the test. However, the concern was raised that since machines can't make mistakes, the machine could be easily unmasked by asking it a number of problems in arithmetic that it would answer with deadly accuracy.

The solution to this problem though, was simple; the machine should be programmed to occasionally give the wrong answers to the arithmetic problems. *Artificial stupidity* is a term used to refer to a technique of "dumbing down" computer programs in order to deliberately introduce errors in their responses.

Unlike machines, making mistakes comes natural to human beings. We all make mistakes. Who among us doesn't waste time, gossip, and fall short of the expectations that the Almighty has for each of us? Life is a constant challenge, and the fact that we all fail here and there does not mean the game is over. So long as we recognize G-d has something greater in mind for us

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and there is more to life, we can suffer setbacks but continue in the game of life.

Quote of the Week

"I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. Twenty six times, I've been trusted to take the game-winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed. - Michael Jordan, Basketball Pro



Joke of the Week

Chaim and Yankel are walking their dogs past the synagogue one Saturday morning. Chaim says, "Lets go in. I hear they have really nice chopped liver at

their Shabbos Kiddush."

Yankel says, "They'll never let us in with the dogs."

"Just follow my lead," says Chaim, who then goes into the synagogue.

As he thought, the rabbi tells him, "No dogs are allowed."

"Chaim says, "But it's my seeing-eye dog."

The rabbi says, "Sorry, I didn't know. OK, you can go in."

Yankel follows. Again, the rabbi says, "No dogs are allowed."

Yankel says, "But it's my seeing eye-dog."

The rabbi says, "This is your seeing-eye dog? A chihuahua!"

Yankel looks startled and says, "They gave me a chihuahua?!?"



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Don't hesitate to call if you have questions
Janet Haber 314-567-7406 or
Bert Zakroff 413-220-0674

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NOW, you can purchase Kohn's Scrip in the NHBZ office in increments of \$25. Use it at Kohn's just like money. NHBZ earns 5% on each purchase. You need to eat; why not use scrip?

Stock up on Kohn's Scrip now for your Pesach shopping, and earn free money for NHBZ!



**PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA
at NHBZ!!!**

Lion's Den Pizza Night

**PRE-PESACH DINE-IN
SUNDAY, APRIL 17 !!**

"Leave the Pre-Pesach Chometz Cookin' to us"

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 4-10: \$6.00 Adults: \$10.00

NO CARRY-OUT NIGHT IN APRIL

*Did you know...
that NHBZ provides babysitting
every single Shabbos starting at 10:30 am?
... We do. Pass the word.*

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Mazel Tov



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

*** Simchas this week, April 9 - April 15, 2011**

* **Martin Tessler**
* **Hannah Kaiser**

Sarah Hirsch
Loren Abrams
Fran Reisler
Chasi (Smason) Rosenbaum

* **Sid Silverman**
* **Craig Berkin**

Louis Osheroff
Trudy Sudin
Charles Waxman

* **Rhoda Carl**
* **Sam Shanker**

Phyllis Manesberg
Steve Marbain
Micha Szus

Hmmm . . . Looks like nobody got married just before Pesach !!

SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO THINK ABOUT: NHBZ's "Create a Legacy" Program

In 1905, a small group of visionaries invested time, energy and money to create our spiritual community. We must build a bridge from those visionaries to the families that will become our future legacy. Now is the time for you to guarantee a vibrant congregation for the next generation. By including NHBZ in your estate plan, you will ensure that our community will flourish. Be one of the visionaries for our future.

Shabbos Lunch & Learn Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries in April

Our guest speaker today is **Sergeant Benjamin Anthony**, IDF Reserves, of 'Our Soldiers Speak', an organization that seeks to establish common ground between the soldiers of Israel and people the world over who are interested in knowing about the actual mindset and motivation of an Israeli soldier. Sgt. Anthony's topic will be

"Hope in the Midst of War"

With thanks to NCSY, which is sponsoring Sergeant Anthony's visit to St. Louis and to NHBZ



**Sighted at
2011 Purim
Seudah**



**I can't
wait !**



Site of 2012 Purim Seudah

NHBZ Shul Tributes - April 2011

IN MEMORY OF

Florence Summers
Sharon Smith

Shavie Hirschfield
Larry & Shirley Hollander

Ronald Rosen
Lil Simpson

Harold Eisenberg, father of Don Eisenberg
Morris & Estelle Kram
Harold & Fran Hoffman

IN HONOR OF

Ninetieth Birthday of Alice Sudin
Dr. Jay Pepose and Dr. Susan Feigenbaum
Lionel & Eleanor Kaiser

Ninetieth Birthday of Marvin Stein
Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Levin
Estelle Levin
Charmain Robison
Bethel Ellen Picker
Geraldine Ayers
Milton & Rona Levin
Evelyn Marbain

Birthday of Ruth Tegman
Evelyn Marbain

Birthday of Rose Ragin
Bob & Sandie Abrams
Sally & Eliot Katz

Birthdays of Alan & Janet Haber
Fabian & Francine Attoun
Dr. Jay Pepose and Dr. Susan Feigenbaum

Birthday of Alan Zarkowsky
Dr. Jay Pepose and Dr. Susan Feigenbaum

Birthday of Bob Kaiser
Dr. Jay Pepose and Dr. Susan Feigenbaum

Birthday of Rebecca Kaiser
Dr. Jay Pepose and Dr. Susan Feigenbaum

Birthday of Chani Smason
Dr. Jay Pepose and Dr. Susan Feigenbaum
Harold & Fran Hoffman

Birthday of Sheryl Levine
Dr. Jay Pepose and Dr. Susan Feigenbaum

Birthday of Shirley Fredlich
Marcia, Bill & Zach

Special Birthday of Jerry Cohen
Gloria Sirkin

Engagement of Lori Zinn to Michael Allen
Fabian & Francine Attoun

Engagement of Dana Szus
Dr. Jay Pepose and Dr. Susan Feigenbaum

Engagement of Frieda Smason to Daniel Aaronson
Dr. Jay Pepose and Dr. Susan Feigenbaum
Bob & Joni Kaiser
Harold & Fran Hoffman

60th Wedding Anniversary of Jerry & Fran Cohen
Larry & Shirley Hollander
Fabian & Francine Attoun
Charles & Gloria Waxman

60th Wedding Anniversary of Ron & Ina Makovsky
Harold & Fran Hoffman
Jerry & Fran Cohen

Birth of new grandson to Rabbi Ze'ev & Chani Smason
Harold & Fran Hoffman

Simchas of Boris & Alla Yasinev and Purim Treats
Harold & Fran Hoffman

Wedding Anniversary of Rabbi Ze'ev & Chani Smason
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Wedding Anniversary of Menachem & Linda Szus
Harold & Fran Hoffman

NHBZ Sisterhood Tributes - April 2011

IN MEMORY OF

Beloved Son of Fred & Cecile Speigelman
Ted & Rachael Pevnick
Marvin Stein

IN HONOR OF

60th Wedding Anniversary of Jerry & Frances Cohen
Stanley & Lois Alper
Craig & Jackie Berkin
Esther Gelb

60th Wedding Anniversary of Ron & Ina Makovsky
Craig & Jackie Berkin
Bertha, Harold, Joyce Berman & Family

Esther Kalina
Esther Levine

Bat Mitzvah of Dr. Arnold Brody's Granddaughter
Craig & Jackie Berkin

90th Birthday of Marvin Stein
Craig & Jackie Berkin

SPEEDY RECOVERY TO

Ronald Fenster
Esther Gelb

Margie Fenster
Esther Gelb