NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

Aug 11, 2012

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

23 Av, 5772

Torah Portion Eikev Haftorah Eikev

Deuteronomy 7:12 – 11:25 Isaiah 49:14 - 51:3

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Erev Shabbos - Friday, August 10

- Mincha & Maariv (7:00 pm)
- Candle Lighting (7:44 pm)

Shabbos - Saturday, August 11

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) Thank you for leading services:
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: Howard Sandler
- Haftorah: Mayer Taller - Sermon: Rabbi Ze'ev Smason
- Shacharis: **Dr. Ethan Schuman** - Leyning: Akiva Anton
- Musaf: Dr. Ethan Schuman
- 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 the 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)

This Week

- Shabbos Study Group (6:25 pm) Studies in Tanach, led by Menachem Szus; everyone at any level of learning is welcome; now studying Yeshayahu (Isaiah).
- Mincha / Shalosh Seudos / Ma'ariv (7:25 pm) Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Ed & Jane Lyss in honor of Jack Lyss who will be making a siyum (completion) of the Talmudic tractate of Kesuvos
- Shabbos Concludes (8:45 pm)

Davening **Shabbos** Sun. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thur. Fri. **Shabbos** Aug 13 Aug 11 Aug 12 Aug 14 **Aug 15** Aug 16 Aug 17 Aug 18 **Times** Shachris 9:00 am 7:00 am 7:00 am 7:00 am 7:00 am 7:00 am 9:00 am 8:00 am Mincha/Maariv 7:25 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:15 pm Lunch 'n' **Shechita** Buy Shabbos Shabbos Grief Learn: Erev **Events** Cash Class Lunch & Learning Support **Carry-out Shabbos** Cards Learn Pizza

- Sunday Learning (None this week, resumes Sunday, Aug 19, after Shachris) Rabbi Chanan Swidler of Aish leads Mishna study for men following Sunday morning services; davening at 8:00 am.
- RAP with the RABBI Teen Group (None this week, resumes Sunday, August 19, 10:15 am) with Rabbi Smason, for young men and women; at Starbucks at Olive & Price, with complimentary drinks to all!
- Tanya Class (None this week, next class will be Sunday, Aug 19, 8:00 pm)
- Grief Support Group (Monday, August 13, 6:30 pm) in multi-purpose room on the lower level.
- Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn (Wednesday, August 15, 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: please join us for an enjoyable and relevant presentation and discussion.
- Carry-Out Pizza Night (Wednesday, August 15) please place orders no later than Noon on August 15.

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- **Shechita Class** (Thursday, August 16, 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.
- Buy and Use Cash Cards (Monday Friday) Next order dates are Thursday, August 16 and Thursday August 30; buy 'em before these dates and earn free money for NHBZ.

Coming Events

- Shabbos Lunch 'n' Learn (Saturday, August 18) Rabbi Ze'ev Smason will speak on the topic "Jewish Genetic Myths"; lunch will be sponsored by Norma & David Rubin, and Norma will make all the food, cakes and challahs at the Shul under the supervision of Rabbi Ze'ev Smason!
- Chinese Buffet (Monday, August 20, 5:30 pm) see picture ad.
- Women's Guide to Time (Monday, August 20, 7:30 pm) Explore the powerful opportunities the Jewish lunar calendar offers us as women; presented by **Rebbitzen Chani Smason**; Month = Elul, Theme = Beloved, Sign = Bride, Focus = Desire; in the Teen Lounge on the lower level.
- Sisterhood Lunch and Bingo (Tuesday, August 21, Noon) see picture ad.
- **Dine-In Pizza Night** (Sunday, August 26, 5:00 pm 7:00 pm)
- Labor Day Weekend Family Picnic & BBQ (Sunday, September 2, 4:30 pm 7:00 pm) Irv Zeid Park, around the corner from NHBZ.
- Irvin Alper Social Club (Sunday, September 2).
- NHBZ Women's Home Study Group (First Tuesday, Sept 4, 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!
- Cooking for Rosh Hashanah (Wednesday, September 5, 7:00 pm 9:00 pm) \$10, limited to 15 people, so sign up soon!
- Morris Lenga Yiddish Club (First Thursday, Sept 6, 7:30 pm) Join us for a spirited hour filled with Yiddish stories, songs and laughter; "mavens" as well as novices are welcome.

Meetings

- Board of Directors (Tuesday, August 14, following minyan at 7:30 pm)
- Executive Committee New Date (Wednesday, August 29, following minyan at 7:30 pm)

Reminders

- Help Keep Our New Shul Clean
 - o If you do not want to take this bulletin home, please return it to the table in the lobby
 - o If you borrowed a tallis, please return it to the closet in the lobby
 - Please do not bring food into the sanctuary; we found a Hershey's Kiss melted into the carpet
- Bulletin Deadline is Noon on Wednesdays Bulletin writer is needed
- 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.
- Synagogue Honors It is customary to make a donation to the synagogue for an Aliyah or other synagogue honors received.
- No Free Money for NHBZ This Week *unless you act*!! Use Schnuck's Scrip and buy Gift Cards; call Scrip and Gift Card Maven Janet Haber at 567-7406 for details.
- No More Volunteer Opportunities because everything is done, NOT 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; please call the office to volunteer.
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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.

Parshas Eikev August 11, 2012 23 Av, 5772

Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates



Being a hero has a price — and sometimes, an actual monetary price. That's what a Vancouver, WA lifeguard found out last month when he saved a young boy from drowning and later got a bill for his efforts. John Clark, 17, was on a trip and heard a 12-year-old boy

screaming for help after being pulled far offshore by choppy ocean waves off the coast of Oregon. John sprang into action, swimming through the breakers and heavy swells to save him. Both John and the boy were put into an ambulance and taken to a nearby hospital, something the lifeguard thought was standard procedure — until a few weeks later, he got a bill.

The emergency room and doctor's tally came to \$676, and the charges for the 15-mile ambulance ride between the beach and the hospital were a staggering \$1,907. All told, John was on the hook for nearly \$2,600. "I had a feeling there would be a bill," said John, who's the youngest of the nine children in his family. "But I couldn't just let the kid go — I had to do something." But there's good news: after the story hit the Internet, individuals from all over the country offered to chip in, and the bills are now paid. "People like that need to be rewarded when they do something like that," said one of the benefactors. "A lot of other people would have walked away, but he did what any sensible person would do in this situation: he guarded someone's life."

The Talmud teaches that "Whoever destroys a soul, it is considered as if he destroyed an entire world. And whoever saves a life, it is considered as if he saved an entire world." Appreciation of the value and sanctity of human life can motivate us to reach out and help others in need -- just like John Clark did in the rough Oregon surf.

Parshas Eikev – Deuteronomy 7:12–11:25



Moses continues to encourage the Children of Israel to trust in G-d and in the prosperity and health which will follow if they keep the Torah. If they are careful to observe even those 'minor' mitzvos that are

usually 'trampled' underfoot, he promises that they will be the most blessed of the nations of the Earth. Moses reminds them of their numerous transgressions in the desert, including the mystifying sin of the Golden Calf. Moses describes the bountiful Land of Israel filled with wheat, barley, grapes, figs and pomegranates, a land of oil-yielding olives and datehoney. He teaches the people the second paragraph of the Shema which stresses the fundamental doctrine of reward for keeping the mitzvos and the consequences of non-compliance. All that G-d requires of us, Moses says, is to love G-d, revere Him. and to observe His Torah. Easier said than done! Parshas Eikev concludes with the promise that G-d will provide the Jewish people with protection if they observe the laws of the Torah.

Many are familiar with the famous phrase (found in this week's portion), "Man does not live by bread alone." The less-familiar second half of the verse says, ".. but by all that comes from the mouth of G-d." This important idea teaches that physical nourishment and external pleasures aren't sufficient for a satisfied life. Every human being has spiritual needs that must also be met.

Rabbinic Ruminations



Have you ever noticed that on occasion even the experts are wrong? Blue-chip companies circle the drain, popular medications turn out to be dangerous, and today's health food is tomorrow's junk food. How can economists, scientists and other experts be wrong?

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A policeman once saw a drunk man searching for something under a street light and asked what the drunk had lost. He said he lost his keys, and so they both looked under the street light together. After a few minutes the policeman asked if he was sure he lost them there, and the drunk replied, no, that he lost them in the park. The policeman asked why he was searching there if the keys were in the park, and the drunk replied, "this is where the light is."

The story illustrates a common observational bias known as the **Streetlight effect**: people look for whatever they are searching by looking where it is

easiest. Scientists uncomfortable with the concept of a Creator insist on looking under the streetlight of atheistic materialism for an explanation of consciousness. Politicians are hardly liberated thinkers. Note a recent headline earlier this week: Obama, Romney, See What They Want In Jobs Report. As to the daily challenges and dilemmas that we each face, honest reflection tells us that we're predisposed to be more likely to accept a conclusion supporting something we already believe.

American writer E.B. White said, "I have yet to see a piece of writing, political or non-political, that does not have a slant. All writing slants the way a writer leans, and no man is born perpendicular." Where can we

find objectivity? "The Torah of G-d is perfect," says King David in Psalm 19:8, "restoring the soul; the testimony of G-d is trustworthy, making the simple one wise." Let your compass for truth be the Torah.



Quote of the Week

"I think everybody should get rich and famous and do everything they ever dreamed of so they can see that it's not the answer. -- Jim Carrey

Joke of the Week

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him "How do you determine whether or not a person should be put in an old folks home?"

"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No,"he said. "A normal person would pull the bathtub plug. Would you like a bed near the window?"

(Thanks to Janet Haber)

Mazel Tov On Simchas this Week August 11 - August 17

Happy Birthday

Dena Sudin
Benjamin Sabol
Judy Ziegelman
Leonid Golynskiy

Sidney Kleg Alan Gelb Robert Levine

Happy Anniversary

Bert & Tzipporah Zakroff Larry & Shirley Hollander Bob & Sandie Abrams Reuven & Esther Levary Ely and Dana (Szus) Sutton

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

Minyan Information

The Amida (Silent Devotion) has 19 brochos (blessings) during the week, 7 on Shabbos. Why the difference?

Mayer Taller 997-0527 Rabbi Smason 749-5271 Howard Sandler 409-7266 NHBZ Office 991-2100

COMING ATTRACTIONS

LABOR DAY WEEKEND FAMILY PICNIC & BBQ Sunday, September 2

COOKING FOR ROSH HASHANA Wednesday, September 5

Rabbis on the Run.... In order to refresh, re"Jew"venate and spend quality time with our families, the Rabbis of the St. Louis Kollel will be on Summer Break beginning Monday, July 30th... We look forward to learning and growing with you when we return.. Classes resume the week of August 19th.

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Stump the Rabbi

Ask Rabbi Smason questions about Judaism. Ask in person, phone or email: Pepshort613@gmail.com

Question:

Why do Kiddush, Kaddish and Kedusha sound so much alike?

Answer:

Let's first identify what each of these three are.

Kiddush is a blessing recited over wine or grape juice to sanctify Shabbos and Jewish holidays.

Kaddish is a prayer said during various parts of most prayer services. Its central theme is the magnification and sanctification of Hashem's name. Different versions of **Kaddish** exist; some serve as separators between sections of the service. Others refer specifically to mourning.

The **Kedushah** is found in the third section of the Amidah recitation. Containing the words Kadosh Kadosh, the **Kedushah** prayer (said in both Shachris and Musaf) expresses the sanctity of Hashem.

As you now may be able to tell, their common Hebrew root is **kadosh** -- spelled kuf dalet shin. **Kadosh** is best translated as 'separate', 'distinct' or 'sanctified.' Kiddush separates and distinguishes Shabbos and holidays from the weekday; **Kaddish** expresses our hope that soon, Hashem's Name become sanctified throughout the world. **Kedusha** is a prayer testifying to our belief that Hashem is distinct, separate and unique.

School Supplies

Help us make all kids feel good on the first day of school with the BRIGHT, SHINY, NEW school supplies they need!

3-Ring Binders - Paper - Crayons - Scissors Glue - Pens - Erasers - Pencils - Markers Tape - Spiral Notebooks - Index Cards

Bring in the supplies or write a check to NHBZ or call Sandie to place a donation on your credit card.

Make a great first day of school for every kid!!!



Getting to Know You

by Roving Reporter Robin Rickerman This week featuring Moshe Pinto.

Tell me a bit about your family history.



My ancestors were from Portugal. In 1496 they were forced to leave Portugal or convert to Christianity. They left Portugal and went to Morocco. I was born in Morocco, and lived there until I was 3. My family then moved to Israel, where I lived until coming to the U.S. 23 years ago.

I have a beautiful daughter, Ellie, who is 16 years old.

What is your favorite Jewish Holiday?

Sukkos and Passover. It is a time to return to Israel and be with family. I go there every year at that time.

What is something about you that most people don't know?

I am the oldest of ten kids, having seven sisters and two brothers. When I was in the military in Israel, I was invited to be on the Israeli National Athletic Team to participate in competitive running events. I also hold a Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do (we don't want to mess with this guy).

How did we become so fortunate to have you so involved at Nusach Hari?

When I came to St. Louis in 1988, I was looking for a synagogue and visited Nusach Hari. I was met by Rabbi Borow, and received from him a very warm welcome. Ten years later, I became a permanent member.

If you could travel, ANY WHERE IN THE WORLD, where would you go and what would you do?

I travel a lot, but would love to go back to my roots to visit both Portugal and Morocco.

ISRAEL CORNER



Israel did not win any medals in the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

Thanks to those who have donated or contributed to school supplies so far:

Bertha Berman Phyllis Shanke Ruth Alper Mayer Taller

Rabbi Howard & Felicia Graber Menachem & Linda Szus Ted & Rachael Pevnick Morris & Estelle Kram NHBZ Sisterhood Lou & Shirley Osheroff

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Chinese Buffet

Monday, August 20, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm at NHBZ

Prepared at NHBZ by *Mr. Lee*, Professional Chef at the Happy China Restaurant Under the Supervision of Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

Hot & Sour Soup, Egg Rolls, Oriental Spiced Salad with Vinaigrette/Soy Dressing, Teriyaki Chicken, Marinated Sliced Beef, Asian Green Beans, Stir Fried Vegetables, Vegetable Lo Mein, Jasmine Rice, Almond Cookies and Sliced Fresh Fruit.

Adults: \$20 Kids 4-10: \$10

Reservations are a must

Call 314-991-2100, ext. 2.

Mmmmm! I can't wait!

Interested in NHBZ

MEMBERSHIP?

Call the NHBZ office at 314-991-2100 extension 2

We welcome Jews at all levels of observance and regardless of financial status.

Don't miss High Holiday Family Services!



Join us for the 4th annual FREE

Tomchei Shabbos Brunch

We'll be celebrating the children of our community with a BACK TO SCHOOL event Sunday, August 19, 9:30 am Young Israel Synagogue RSVP by August 12

TomcheiShabbosSTL@gmail.com

or 314-569-2770

PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA at NHBZ!!!

CARRY OUT NIGHT: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15 !!

HOT PIZZA WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU TO PICK UP!! OR ORDER AN UN-COOKED PIZZA TO FREEZE OR BAKE AT HOME!! Cheese Pizza $\sim \$12.00$ Toppings $\sim 75c$ each

Extra-Cheese, mushrooms, onions, tomatoes, basil, greenpeppers, sliced olives, pineapple

PLACE YOUR ORDER ~ 314-991-2100, ext. 2 Deadline to Order: 12:00 noon on August 15

NEXT DINE-IN NIGHT IS AUGUST 26

NHBZ Sisterhood Lunch and

BINGO

Tuesday, August 21, Noon

Delicious Lunch: Bagel, Tuna Salad, Tossed Salad, Egg Salad, Chips, Soda Donation \$6.60

Men & Women of all ages are welcome! RSVP to Rachael 314-395-6017

Special Gifts Campaign

NHBZ is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 52 weeks per year. To provide such an ongoing operation, the congregation depends upon gifts and contributions *above* and beyond members' dues. Dues only pay for 30% of our operating expenses. In giving to NHBZ, you fulfill an important mitzvah.

A "special gift" is a donation above and beyond annual dues or to any of the specific funds. Those who give above a specified amount will be honored at a Special Gifts Event.

The 2012 "Special Gifts" Campaign is underway, and we give "Special" thanks to everyone who has made a pledge and has sent in his/her contribution. We are very grateful to each one of you. If you haven't made your pledge yet, please help your shul and call the office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2.

Make your contribution now!

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