

NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

December 3, 2011

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

7 Kislev, 5771

Torah Portion Vayeitzei:
Haftorah Vayeitzei:

Genesis 28:10 – 32:3
Hosea 11:7 – 12:14

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Erev Shabbos - Friday, December 2

- **Mincha & Maariv** (4:20 pm)
- **Candle Lighting** (4:22 pm)

Shabbos - Saturday, December 3



- **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: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
 - Musaf: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
- **Learners Service** (10:15 am) – Led by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**, in the Chapel.
- **Kiddush** (following Musaf) - Thanks to **Linda Szus** for sponsoring a special treat to say Happy Birthday to her husband, **Menachem** !!! Thanks, also, to **Fran Hoffman** for sponsoring a cake and soda to say Happy Birthday to her husband, **Harold** !!!
- **Shabbos Study Group** (3:35 pm) - Studies in Tanach, led by **Menachem Szus**; everyone at any level of learning is welcome; now studying Yeshayahu (Isaiah).
- **Boys' Mishna Study Group** (3:35 pm) - With **Rabbi Smason**, for boys ages 10-17.
- **Mincha/Shalosh Seudos/Ma'ariv** (4:05 pm) - Thanks for sponsoring Shalosh Seudos this afternoon: to **Lenny & Fran Alper** in memory of their beloved mother **Becky Alper**, and to **Irwin & Roz Rosen** and **Marvin & Jackie Gitel** in memory of their beloved mother and **Ann Rosen**.
- **Shabbos Concludes** (5:25 pm)



This Week

	Shabbos Dec 3	Sun. Dec 4	Mon. Dec 5	Tues. Dec 6	Wed. Dec 7	Thur. Dec 8	Fri. Dec 9	Shabbos Dec 10
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
Ma'ariv Only	-	-	-	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	-	-

- **Sunday Learning** (Sunday, Dec 4, 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** – (Sunday, Dec 4, 10:00 am) - with **Rabbi Smason**, for young men and women; at Starbucks at Olive & Price; with complimentary drinks to all participants!
- **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group** (First Tuesday, December 6, 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!!!
- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** (Wednesday, Dec 7, 12:15 pm, in the Teen Lounge on the lower level) - 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.
- **Carryout Pizza Night** (To be announced)

- **Special Event with Rabbi Lazer Brody** (Thursday, Dec. 8, 7:00 pm) – at NHBZ, free admission; internationally acclaimed speaker, musician and former IDF Special Forces Commander Rabbi Lazer Brody will present “Spiritual Prosperity: How to Thrive in a Declining Economy”; see picture ad for details.
- **Buy and Use Cash Cards** (Monday – Friday) – Order your Cash-cards on **Wednesday, December 14 and Thursday, December 29**; earn free money for NHBZ; Kohn's Scrip is temporarily sold out.
- **Make reservations for the Anniversary Banquet** (asap) – see picture ad.
- **Place an ad in the Ad Journal** (asap) – see picture ad.
- **Toys for Chanukah Drive** (now) - bring your new, UN-wrapped toys to the office.

Coming Events

- **Irvin Alper Social Club – New Date** (Sunday, Dec 11, 6:00 pm) – Enjoy dinner and then play cards or watch the movie "Voyage of the Damned", which tells the story of Jews who were refused entry into the United States during World War II; dinner menu: corned beef sandwich with all the trimmings; all this for only \$6.00; call **Ruth Alper** at 314-569-2877 for reservations.
- **Sisterhood Meeting** – (Tuesday, December 20) – Last meeting until March; stay tuned for details.
- **Chanukah Fun for the Whole Family** (Saturday, Dec 24, 6:00 pm- 9:00 pm) – Activities for children and adults at NHBZ; free admission; see picture ad for details.
- **Dine-In Pizza Night** (Sunday, January 1, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm)
- **Morris Lenga Yiddish Club** (First Thursday, January 5, 7:00 pm) - Join us for a spirited hour filled with Yiddish stories, songs and laughter; seasoned "mavens" as well as novices are welcome.
- **Installation Shabbos** – (January 7)

Meetings

- **Building Design** (Tuesday, December 6, 7:00 pm, following minyan)
- **Board of Directors** (Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 pm, following minyan)
- **Executive Committee** (Tuesday, December 27, 7:00 pm, following minyan)
- **Sisterhood** - will not have meetings during the winter months of January and February, and will resume in March when the weather is more predictable!



Reminders

- **Tributes** - Show your friends you care; a tribute is a donation in honor of a birth, a birthday, an anniversary, a healthy recovery, or in memory of a loved one, or for any reason to show you care; tributes will be listed in this bulletin every 6-8 weeks.
 - For a Shul tribute, call Gloria Waxman at 314-872-3296
 - For a Sisterhood tribute, call Phyllis Silverman at 314-434-2482
 - For Libby Needle Fund, call Sally Needle at 314-991-2575
- **Synagogue Honors** - It is customary to make a donation to the synagogue for an Aliyah or other synagogue honors received.
- **Buy Cash Cards for Chanukah** – Yes, that's right; Cash Cards make great Chanukah Gift Cards! **NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT CARDS for some Cash Cards – see flyer in lobby!**
- **Capital Campaign** – Like the new building more than you thought you would? Please feel free to add to your Capital Campaign pledge; or, if you haven't made one, do it now; the building will appreciate it.
- **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 Vayeitzei

December 3, 2011

9 Kislev, 5772

Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates



A funny thing happened to surfing legend Kelly Slater on the way to his unprecedented 11th world title. The Association of Surfing Professionals calculated that Slater had accumulated enough points to be awarded the world title trophy. A triumphant Slater had even stood in front of thousands of cheering fans, holding aloft his trophy and being sprayed with champagne. However, the day following the celebration Slater was reading online news of his victory when he came across a reader comment suggesting there had been a mistake in the calculations.

Slater then tweeted, "Can you read this comment . . . the calculator . . . must be broken. I'm not the world champ yet!" The Surfing Association looked into the matter, and it turned out that the surfing champ was right. Slater, from Coco Beach, Florida, had no second thoughts about revealing the mistake that was discovered by a fan Wednesday night. "The decision was pretty easy," he said. "You know, your parents always tell you that honesty is the best policy. I just figured that instead of letting any more seconds or minutes pass, with me knowing that, that it was best just to say it." The following week, the talented and honest Slater officially won his 11th world surfing title.

They say that honesty pays, but it doesn't seem to pay enough to suit most people. The Torah instructs us to "Distance yourself from a false matter..." (Exodus 23:7). Truth has no special time. Its hour is now -- always.

Parshas Vayeitzei - Genesis 28:10 – 32:3



Jacob escapes from his wicked brother Esau and travels to Charan, where he will stay with his uncle Laban. While spending the night at the future site of the Temple, G-d appears to Jacob in a dream. Rich in symbolism and meaning, the dream depicts a ladder extending from heaven to earth upon which angels are ascending and descending. After arriving in Charan, Jacob meets Laban's daughter Rachel and agrees to work for Laban for seven years for her hand in marriage. When the wedding night finally arrives, Laban deceives Jacob by

substituting his older daughter Leah in Rachel's place. After waiting a week, Jacob also marries Rachel, but not without being forced to commit to another seven years of labor.

Over the next few years Rachel remains barren, while Leah gives birth to six sons and a daughter. Bilhah and Zilpah (the maidservants of Rachel and Leah respectively) each have two sons with Jacob. Finally Rachel also has a son, Joseph. Jacob becomes very wealthy during his twenty-year stay with Laban, even though his father-in-law continually tries to swindle him. After seeking counsel with his wives, Jacob and his family flee from Laban, who pursues and confronts him, upset that he left without saying goodbye and arrogantly claiming that Jacob stole his idols. Eventually they sign a peace treaty and part ways.

Rabbinic Ruminations



In the first *Superman* movie, supervillain Lex Luthor was up to no good. His plan: Detonate a couple of nuclear weapons in the San Andreas fault to trigger a massive California-detaching earthquake. Foolish Lex! If Lex had paid attention during college Geology 1, he would have known that his crazy scheme never would have worked. However, if he'd been serious about creating an earthquake, with today's advanced technology there are ways he could have actually done it.

In 1989 a 5.6-magnitude earthquake hit Newcastle, Australia, the direct result of coal mining. Extracting millions of tons of coal added stress to an existing fault line. But the real problem resulted from the water that was extracted during mining. For each ton of coal produced, 4.3 times as much water was pumped out of the ground, a necessary step to prevent flooding inside the mine. Removing so much water dramatically altered the stability of the earth surrounding the mine. The ensuing earthquake caused \$3.5 billion in damage — an amount that nearly equaled the profit of all the coal produced by the mine over its 200-year history. The largest human-triggered earthquake to date was caused by the Zipingpu Dam in China. The weight of nearly 320 million tons of water pressing down on a fault line contributed enough stress to cause a 7.9 magnitude quake in 2008 that killed nearly 80,000 people.

There are few things that all human beings have in common. One of them is the Earth. We live in a time where we have important, even critical decisions to make about the world in which we live. Jewish tradition teaches that we are responsible for this palace called 'Earth.' After Adam was created, G-d led him around the Garden of Eden, showing him all the beautiful trees and flowers. Then G-d told him, "See how beautiful everything is that I have created. It was all made for you. Remember this and do not corrupt or destroy my world. For if you do, there will be no one left to save it." As caretakers, the world is ours to enjoy, but it is also our responsibility to preserve. We owe it to the Almighty - and to our children - to make every day an Earth Day.

Quote of the Week

"The question isn't who is going to let me; it's who is going to stop me -- Ayn Rand

Joke of the Week

"How was your blind date?" a college student asked her roommate Shirley.

"Terrible!" Shirley answered. "He showed up in a 1932 Rolls Royce."

"Wow! That's a very expensive and fancy car. What's so bad about that?"

"He was the original owner."



OY VEY!

MinyanMan Tip # 7

If you come to minyan and there are 10 men already present, please stay. Each additional person helps our prayers to be better heard, and encourages those who are present.

Howard Sandler (409-7266)
Rabbi Smason (749-5271)
Synagogue Office (991-2100)

Mazel Tov
On Simchas This Week
December 3 - December 9

Happy Birthday

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

Happy Anniversary
Leonid & Stella Vladimirov
Gary & Trudy Sudin

Show your friends you care - SEND A TRIBUTE
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Sisterhood: Phyllis Silverman 314-434-2482
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First Time Ever In St. Louis....

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Internationally-Acclaimed Speaker and Translator
of Worldwide Best-Selling "Garden of Emuna"

"Spiritual Prosperity:

How To Thrive In A Declining Economy"

Thursday Evening, December 8th at 7 p.m.

Nusach Hari B'nai Zion ~ 650 North Price

Melave Malka Musical Celebration With Rabbi Brody

Saturday Night, December 10th at 8 p.m.

BHH Shaarei Chesed (U. City Shul) (Admission \$10)

700 North & South (Off Delmar) In University City

For more information: Call (314) 726-6047

Email: sandieabrams@hotmail.com or office@ucityshul.org



Don't miss these opportunities to hear and meet Rabbi Lazer Brody. An American-born, former IDF Special Forces Commando Fighter, teacher, lecturer and musician, Rabbi Brody has helped men and women from all backgrounds to discover their hidden strengths and potential, and reach greater heights of spirituality, closeness and connection to HaShem. Join us as Rabbi Lazer Brody brings his inspiring message of emunah, faith and joy to St. Louis.

Used Jewish Book Sale

**Sunday, December 4, 2011 through
Sunday, December 11, 2011**

Are you looking for gently used Jewish books including cookbooks, best sellers, books on Israel, children's books or reference sets? These and many other categories of used books of Jewish content are available at the annual

Used Jewish Book Sale

to be held at the Saul Brodsky Jewish Community from December 4 through December 11.

The library is located in the Jewish Federation Kopolow Bldg., 12 Millstone Campus Drive.

Library hours are:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm
Tuesday, 9 am-8 pm
Friday, 9 am-3 pm
Sunday, 10 am-2 pm.

For more information call 314-442-3720 or

SPONSOR MISHNA STUDY FOR A LOVED ONE

Learning Mishnayot in memory of a loved one, or for a Refuah Sheleima for a sick person, is an age-old Jewish Tradition. The word Mishna (learning) is closely related to the word Neshama (soul), and we believe that learning Mishnayot in someone's name acts as a Spiritual Elevation for that person or that person's soul.

Our Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Mishnayot Shiur, which learns every Sunday following morning minyan, is carrying on this tradition by dedicating the Mishnayos to those in whose names the Mishnayos will be learned.

You may sponsor Mishnayot Learning:

Dedicate Mishnayot for 1 year: \$250
Dedicate Mishnayot for 6 months: \$150
Dedicate Mishnayot for 3 months: \$96
Dedicate Mishnayot for 1 month: \$50

May your loved one be bound up in the bond of eternal life.

May HaShem be filled with compassion to restore the health of your loved one.

Plans for December 24?

Join us for an evening of



Hanukkah Fun

for the whole family

6:00-7:30 pm: Kids programming including crafts, snacks, music and a movie

For adults we'll have entertaining and informative sessions...and snacks

7:30--9:00: Live Music



Latkes



Jelly Donuts



Cookies

Where: NHBZ 650 North Price Road,

Olivette ☺ Questions?: (314)991-2100 x2

There is no charge for this event but everyone is asked to bring canned goods for the Jewish Food Pantry

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 Friday, December 16

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



First Candle of Chanukah · Tues. night, Dec. 20

Nusach Hari B'nai Zion ***106th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET***

Sunday, December 18, 2011.

We are proud to present our 2011 Honorees

Menachem & Linda Szus
and
Woman of Valor Phyllis Silverman

Menachem Szus has been the dedicated chairman of our Relocation Committee, and the driving force behind the Capital Campaign. Over the years, ***Linda Szus*** has maintained a very active presence at our shul. She was engaged in organizing the Lunch & Learn program, a myriad of programs for children, and coordinating the activities of the Chesed Committee.

Phyllis Silverman is first in line to volunteer for everything from KP ("Kiddush Patrol") to leading, with her husband Sid, our Honey & Chanukah Candles projects.

It is with great pleasure that we give well-deserved *kovod* (honor) to these wonderful people.

Last year we created an elegant evening to bid a fond farewell to our old building as we prepared to move into our new one. ***Well, here we are!!!***

Please join us to celebrate our 106th Anniversary and the Re-dedication of our new building. The celebration will include a Lavish Buffet Dinner and a "Great American Music Tribute", a musical variety show by Sound Unlimited, featuring music from Gershwin to Jewish Favorites and Tony Bennett to Elvis!

Please place an ad in our Commemorative Journal. **Help make this a memorable evening for our honorees, and a memorable journal through your personal messages, photos, business ads, and greetings to our honorees, Menachem & Linda Szus and Phyllis Silverman.**

Please return your dinner reservation card and Ad Journal order form now!

Pre-paid Cash-Card Program

*Do you buy prescriptions?
Do you buy them at Walgreens or CVS?
Do you buy them monthly?*

Well! We have a deal for you!

You can use a pre-paid cash-card for your purchases and earn money for NHBZ!

For example, if you spend \$25 per month at Walgreens or CVS for one year, you will earn \$24 (8% of your purchase) for NHBZ. If you spend \$50 per month for one year, you will earn \$48 for NHBZ.

If 25 people do this,

we will earn \$1200 for NHBZ!

There are dozens of stores to choose from, and each one will donate a percentage of your purchase to NHBZ - some of them up to **25%**!

And it costs you nothing!

We order cards on the 15th and 30th of each month. Detailed information is available at www.nhbz.org.

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

Do you EAT?

Do you SHOP?

Then please remember to use your

Schnuck's e-Scrip Card !

Easy donations for NHBZ and
not a penny out of your pocket.
Just hand your e-Scrip Card to
the checker when you check out.
A percentage of your total
is donated to NHBZ!

**Need a card?
Call Bert Zakroff,
220-0674.**