

Good Shabbos to Everyone

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion
Shabbos, July 3, 2010

Bruchim Habayim
21 Tammuz 5770



ARI WEEKEND - July 9 & 10!!
Synaplex Shabbat Next Week!!!

☆ **Kiddush** ~ Everyone is invited to Kiddush in the Joe Rothman Auditorium following services this morning. Thanks for sponsoring soda today ~ our **"POP"-STAR** of the week ~ **Harry Freistein** in honor of his birthday yesterday!!!

If you would like to sponsor or enhance a Kiddush, add something special, sponsor Soda or Shalosh Seudos, please call 314--991-2100, ext. 2, to make arrangements. You can sponsor in honor of a simcha, a relative or friend, in memory of a loved one, or for absolutely no apparent reason!!! Your contribution will help our NHBZ Kiddush & Shalosh Seudos Funds.

☆ **Davening** ~ *Parshas Pinchas*

Sedra: Pinchas: Bemidbar 25:10-30:1; pages 876-899. *Haftorah: Pinchas: Jeremiah 1:1-2:3*; pages 1192 & 1193.

☆ **Thank You For Leading Davening:** *Pesukei D'Zimra:* **Howard Sandler**; *Shacharis:* **Dr. Ethan Schuman**; *Leyning:* **Yaakov Goldson**; *Haftorah:* **Alan Haber**; *Musaf:* **Dr. Ethan Schuman**.

☆ **Jr. Congregations** Jr. Congregations will be held this morning at 10:30 a.m., Girls Jr. Congregation and younger children will meet in the Chapel with **Hannah Kaiser**. Boys Jr. Congregation will meet in the Auditorium with **Avrumi Smason**.

☆ **Mincha/Maariv:** We will daven Mincha today at 7:50 p.m. Shabbos will conclude at 9:14 p.m.

☆ **Shacharis, Mincha and Maariv ~ Shabbos, July 3 through Friday, July 9:**

	Shabbos	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Shacharis	9:00	8:00	8:00	7:00	7:00	6:45	7:00
Mincha/Maariv	7:50	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00

☆ **TODAH RABBA TO SHABBOS in a BOX CHEERS!!** Thanks to all the workers who made our Shabbos in a Box project a success by your contributions, shopping, grilling, slicing, dicing, cooking, packaging and being here during "pick-up" time!!! Thanks to Andy Abrams, Jackie Berkin, Bertha Berman, Sally Needle, Robin Rickerman, Phyllis Silverman, Linda Szus, Anna Rose Tendler, Charles & Gloria Waxman and, of course, our Chief of Operations, William Carter!! Thanks to all of you who supported this fund raiser for your shul with your orders!



☆ **NHBZ Shabbos Events & Dates to Remember**

☆ **SHABBOS FESTIVITIES, EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:**

☆ **ARI WEEKEND - Celebrating the Life of THE ARI - Kabbalat Shabbat in the Field** - led by **Aryeh Needle** next Friday evening, July 9, at 7:00 p.m., at our future home, 650 N. Price Road!!!

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☆ **Rosh Chodesh Av** Monday, July 12.

☆ **Nine Days Begin** Monday, July 12.

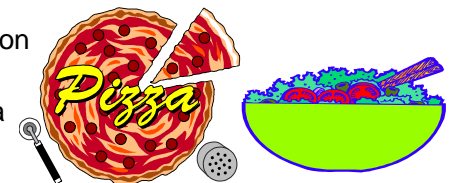
☆ **Shul Board of Directors Meeting** Tuesday, July 13. Minyan at 7:00 p.m.; Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Joe Rothman Auditorium.

☆ **EXTRA Dine-In PIZZA BUFFET NIGHT** during the 9 days, on Wednesday, July 14. **WEEK-NIGHT HOURS: 5:30-7:30 p.m. to accommodate working people.** The Yiddish Club couldn't wait to meet again, and will have a second meeting in July -- enjoy the pizza buffet and then their meeting!!

(WE WILL NOT HAVE A CARRY OUT PIZZA NIGHT IN JULY.)

☆ **Sisterhood's Mixed Company Day SPECIAL EVENT - "CHALLA TRADITIONS"** on Tuesday, August 17, at noon!!! **Margi Lengua Kahn**, the Jewish Light Columnist and Culinary Educator, will give a challa-baking demonstration. You can **WATCH - LEARN - EAT** the freshly baked challas, and enjoy a nice summer luncheon.

☆ **Please Save Your Rummage.** Please save your **gently used** clothes that are still nice enough to wear (no stains or damages please!), and books, household items and knick-knacks in **good** condition, for Sisterhood's Rummage Sale in the Fall. For drop-off times and questions about the rummage sale, please call Esther Gelb, 567-1683.



☆ **Special Gifts Campaign & Mazel Club!!** **Special Gifts:** A VERY BIG THANK YOU to those of you who have made your pledges to our 2010 Special Gifts campaign, AND to those who have even sent in your contributions. This is just a friendly reminder and request that you send your special gift to our office. We will have the Appreciation Dinner for Special gift donors on Sunday, August 8th. We are grateful for the donations we receive from everyone, and we know you are giving to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion as generously as you possibly can!! **Mazel Club:** We would LOVE to start the monthly drawings for the Mazel Club winners, but we're still need more of you to sign up. If you have received the notice about our Mazel Club by email, just send an email to sandieabrams@hotmail.com and say to fill in your ticket, or tickets, and you'll be good to go. If you received your ticket by U.S. mail, please mail your ticket and payment in the NHBZ envelope we provided. Lose your ticket? Then just call the office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2. Mazel Club entries are only \$10 per ticket. Hope to hear from you soon! And thanks to everyone for your constant and kind support of our shull!!!

☆ **Learning at NHBZ & with Rabbi Smason**

☆ **Weekly Learning ~**

☆ **Boys' Shabbos Study Group** With Rabbi Smason for boys ages 10-14 each Shabbos, 30 minutes before Mincha. ***This Shabbos at 7:20 p.m.***

☆ **Shabbos Study Groups** Each Shabbos one hour before Mincha. ***This Shabbos at 6:50 p.m.*** Studying Tanach (currently, Melachim Bet - Kings II) and Pirkei Avos, led by **Menachem Szus; Everyone at any level of learning is welcome.**

☆ **Sunday Learning** Mishna Shiur every Sunday. **Rabbi Chanan Swidler**, of the St. Louis Kollel, leads a study of the Mishna following Sunday morning services. Davening at 8:00 a.m. followed by Mishna study.

☆ **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** Wed., 12:15 pm, in the auditorium. Insights for daily living from the weekly Torah portion.

☆ **Monthly Learning ~**

☆ **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group ~ "Women of Valor ~ Our Biblical Mothers"** presented by Rabbi Shaya Mintz, of the St. Louis Kollel. The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month. **Next class Tuesday, August 3rd, 2:30 p.m.**, at the home of **Jackie Berkin**. All women are welcome. Please join us!!!

☆ **The Morris Lengua Yiddish Club** meets on the 1st Thursday of each month, at 7:30 p.m. in the Joe Rothman Auditorium. **Next Date Thursday, August 5th, 7:30 p.m.** Join us for a spirited & enjoyable hour filled with Yiddish stories and songs, fun and laughter, **keeping Yiddish alive!** Seasoned "mayvens" (experts), as well as novices are invited!!!

☆ **Tisha B'Av at NHBZ** ~ Rabbi Smason will show the DVD **"She'aris Hapleita: Remember Them"** at NHBZ on Tisha B'Av morning following the conclusion of Shacharis and Kinos on Tuesday, July 20 at approx. 9:30 a.m.; Shacharis will begin at 8:00 a.m. She'aris Hapleita presents the inspirational narrative of the concentration camps survivors after their liberation and their early existence in the Displaced Persons camps. The film focuses on the survivors' tremendous resilience shown in the rebuilding of their shattered lives and rekindling Yiddishkeit and Torah life.

☆ **Melton Classes to be held at NHBZ** Rabbi Smason's classes: Tuesday mornings on September 7, 14 and 21 covering Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, & Sukkos; Wednesday, Sept. 29 - Hoshana Rabbah (at the home of Cyndee Levy); and beginning in October, a 20-week series on Genesis. **Felicia Graber** will teach a 10-week course on the Holocaust, beginning in October.

☆ **Author! Author!** Our very own **Felicia Graber** has written an astounding chronicle of her family's survival of the Holocaust and beyond, in her book, "Amazing Journey, Metamorphosis of a Hidden Child." Not only is this a fascinating read of Felicia's hair-raising and poignant account of her personal story, but she weaves a tale that is at times painfully honest and revealing, and at others uplifting and triumphant. Felicia is generously sharing her profits with NHBZ. Order your copy of "Amazing Journey" (\$15.00) by emailing to sandieabrams@hotmail.com and sending a check to the office, or to use your credit card call (314-991-2100, ext. 2). To learn a little more about Felicia's book go to www.feliciagraber.com.

☆ **Kashrus Alert:** A limited quantity of Roland canned artichokes hearts mistakenly bear an OU symbol. The OU does not certify this product.

☆ **In the Community**

☆ **"Keep the Connection"** a powerful, moving film, bears witness to the courageous struggle of Holocaust Survivors to maintain human dignity and deep abiding faith under the most horrific conditions of the death camps, ghettos, and concentration camps. The Holocaust Museum & Learning Center will screen this special film at the J.Fed. Kopolow Building on Tisha B'Av, 2:00 p.m, the ninth of Av - Tuesday, July 20, which marks the destruction of the first & second temples in Jerusalem, and several other tragic events in Jewish history. Much of the film focuses on the laying of Tefillin and the deep connection between the Jewish people and this mitzvah. "Keep the Connection" is in Hebrew with English subtitles; running time is 50 minutes. **Rabbi Smason** will lead a discussion following the screening. This program is free and open to the public. For information call 442-3714 or email dreich@jfedstl.org.

☆ **"Analyzing Challenges in TaNaKh: Single Life Marriage, and Family!"** Dr. Rivkah Blau will be the guest speaker at the community-wide event commemorating the 4th Yahrzeit of Sarah Adelman, י"ג, next Sunday, July 11, 7:00 p.m. at Young Israel; minimum donation, \$18.00/family. The lecture is sponsored by the Sarah Adelman Memorial Fund, which supports programs and initiatives to help individuals dealing with psychological and social issues.

MAZEL TOV
ON SIMCHAS THIS WEEK!
Shabbos, July 3 to
Friday, July 9, 2010!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Caryn Alper
Fran Alper
Jane Lyss
Frieda Smason

Happy Anniversary

Loren & Ileana Abrams
Lou & Shirley Osheroff
Milton & Sally Tofle

Show your friends you care ~ SEND A TRIBUTE!
Shul: Call Gloria Waxman, 314-872-3296
Sisterhood: Call Phyllis Silverman, 314-434-2482
Libby Needle Fund: Sally Needle, 314-991-2575

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 prayers in Heaven — one for each tribe of Israel. Additionally, there 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.

Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates. Do you have a passion that you pursue? Mark Twain once said, "I am opposed to millionaires, but it would be dangerous to offer me the position." Perhaps Gary Buslik had Twain's quote in mind when he made a surprising decision. Buslik, of Chicago, had previously started an alarm company that grew to \$6 million in annual sales and earned him \$500,000 a year. But he wasn't happy. "My passion was literature, not alarm systems," he said. So when Buslik turned 50, in 1997, he sold his business in order to pursue that passion. With a recommendation from a pal who was an assistant dean, he got into the English Ph.D. program at the University of Illinois at Chicago. In return for his work as a TA, the school waived his tuition. Buslik graduated in 2007 and now teaches there part-time while writing books on the side. He makes just \$13,500 a year, but says, "I've never regretted my decision. I'm content to be sending Shakespeare lovers into the world." If G-d came to you and said, "I want you to be happy would you do? The more passions and desires one has, the more ways one has of being happy.



Parshas Pinchas Numbers 25:10 - 30:1

In last week's Torah portion we found the Jewish hero Pinchas saving the day for the Jewish people, by publicly executing the Jewish tribal head, Zimri, and his Midianite girlfriend, Kazbi. Those two had desecrated the Name of G-d and His Torah by having relations in plain view of Moses and the entire Jewish leadership. (I suppose you could say it was the very first 'Kazbi Show'.) This week, Pinchas is rewarded for sanctifying the Name of G-d and is granted the blessing of peace and priesthood (*kahuna*). Pinchas' zealous response saves the Jewish people from a plague which had broken out in the camp. Five righteous daughters of Tzelofchad file a claim with Moses: in the absence of a brother, they request their deceased father's share in the Land of Israel. Moses asks G-d for a ruling. The Almighty responds that the claim of these five women who so dearly love the Land of Israel is, indeed, just. Moses is told that he will ascend a mountain to view the Land that the Jewish people will soon inherit, although he will not be allowed to enter. Moses asks G-d to appoint a successor. Do you know who is chosen? Joshua, Moses' dedicated assistant and student. The Torah portion concludes with a lengthy description of the special offerings to be brought on the various festivals. These sections are also read from the Torah throughout the year on the appropriate holidays.

Rabbinic Ruminations

Tim Scott had a run-in with a 'Bad News Bear' this past Sunday. But can a bear be bad? Scott, 56, an avid hiker, was attacked by a black bear in a remote area of Kentucky. In the first recorded bear attack on a person in Kentucky, the 150 pound bear grabbed Scott by the leg and threw him into the woods. Then, it sank its teeth into his thigh and shook him. Scott said he tried to think of ways to fight the bear off, reaching into his pocket and finding his 3-inch pocket knife. He was preparing to stab the bear in the eye, not sure what the animal's reaction might be, when a group of hikers who heard the commotion arrived. One of them took his day pack and threw it at the bear, knocking the animal sideways, and prompting it to release Scott. The hiker was released from the hospital Monday morning after receiving 50-60 stitches. Scott said, "This was a private incident between me and a bear. I was chomped on by a bear, and he was a bad bear, but that doesn't speak of all bears." Can an animal be 'bad'? Unlike human beings, animals do not have free will. The Torah teaches that the capacity to recognize and choose between good and evil is a feature unique to humans. The classic understanding of man as created "In the image of G-d" means that he alone can identify right and wrong and make moral or immoral choices. An animal may be dangerous. A bear may be 'bad' in the sense that it should be avoided at all costs. But only the descendants of Adam and Eve — created in the image of G-d — can recognize good and evil and become like G-d through the proper exercise of the gift of free will.

Quote of the Week

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending and to have the two as close together as possible — *George Burns*



Joke of the Week



OY VEY!

Morris' life was in shambles — his wife left him, taking all the money, kids, the family car, and even the dog. He didn't know what to do. So, he went to his Rabbi, and said, "Rabbi, my life is in ruins. My wife left me, took all the money, kids, car, and even Kreplach, our poor little dog. PLEASE help me." The wise Rabbi replied, "open up the Bible to any page and point to a sentence on that page. Whatever it says, you do." So, in desperation, Morris went home, took out his dusty Bible from the attic and opened up to a page and pointed. A few months later, Morris, now wearing a \$2000 Italian suit, and with a new wife decked out with a full length mink coat, walked into the Rabbi's study and said, "Rabbi, thanks for the advice. You changed my life!" The Rabbi asked, "what did I do that helped so much?" Morris answered, "Well, remember when you told me a couple of months ago to take my Bible, open up to any page, and point?" "Yes," replied the Rabbi, "what did you point to?" Morris replied, "Rabbi, I pointed to the words 'Chapter 11.'"

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 or adarabba@hotmail.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 assistance in distributing BTG.

Ze'ev Smason, Rabbi

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SYNAPLEX SHABBAT

Next Shabbos, July 10!
Two great options!

Shabbos services beginning at 8:30 a.m.
 Learner's Services from 10:00-11:00 a.m.
 Led by Rabbi Shmuel Greenwald, Aish HaTorah
 Both services will be followed by these break-out sessions starting at 11:00 a.m.:

FAQ Jew: The Do's & Don'ts at a Shiva House

Led by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

The Kabbalah of Pleasure

Led by Rabbi Levi Landa, Chabad of St. Louis

The Importance of the Jewish Perspective in Turbulent Political Times

Led by Missouri State Representative Jake Zimmerman

HOT TOPICS FOR TEENS

Led by Avrumi Smason

TOT SHABBAT

Led by Sivyva Smason

Enjoy lunch with us following the Synaplex Sessions
 In Honor of our July Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries



**PIZZA
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 at NHBZ!!!**

~~CARRY OUT NIGHT~~
WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

**EXTRA DINE-IN
 DURING THE NINE DAYS!!**

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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 JULY!

**Lion's Den DINE-IN Pizza Night
 LAST SUNDAY, JULY 25!!**

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

All-You-Can-Eat Buffet
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Big Shabbos Do'n's! Special Celebrations and Exciting Coming Events

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★ **Regular Dine-In PIZZA NIGHT** Sunday, July 25.



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

Three-ring binders
 Filler paper, wide rule
 Facial Tissues
 Crayons - ALL sizes
 5-inch Scissors
 Elmer's Glue
 Glue Sticks
 Medium Ink Pens:
 Red, Black & Blue
 Index Cards, Boxes &
 Dividers: (3x5 & 4x6)
 Hole Punches
 Homework Assignment Pads
 Erasers

Colored Pencils
 Supply Boxes
 Calculators
 Markers &
 Highlighters:

Assorted colors
 Crayola Washable
 Markers
 Scotch Tape
 Pencil Sharpeners
 Spiral Notebooks
 Hebrew-English
 Dictionaries
 Zippered Pen/Pencil
 Pouches

Deadline ~ August 12th!!

Please bring your purchases to our office