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## ★ Candlelighting

## Shabbat starts

Friday, Sept. 2, 7:13 p.m.

## Shabbat ends

Saturday, Sept. 3, 8:09 p.m.

# NHBZ celebrates dedication of new shul in Olivette

BY DAVID BAUGHER  
SPECIAL TO THE JEWISH LIGHT

Trudy Sudin has been a congregant at **Nusach Hari B'nai Zion** for nearly three decades.

"I'm considered one of the newer members," she quipped.

Sudin may be kidding but her joke about how deep historical roots run at this century-old *shul* had special meaning Sunday morning as she watched a procession of a dozen Torahs file past, with men dancing and singing, marking the move to NHBZ's new home. This weekend the congregation officially became the first Jewish house of worship in Olivette transferring its scrolls to a newly erected \$2 million facility behind Logos School at Price at Old Bonhomme roads.

It marks NHBZ's first move since the 1950s.

"It's very moving," said Sudin, who snapped photos in the old building as its contents were packed. "We're literally moving the Torahs and that means we're moving our spirituality from this place with lots of love and memories to the new *shul* which is going to be vibrant and ready for the next millennium."

Like Sudin, Alan Haber, a 12-year congregant at NHBZ, lives in Olivette and was happy to see the big day finally arrive.

"This will be a generational growth," he said. "We anticipate



Rabbi Ze'ev Smason leads the way during the final steps of a Torah procession, which carried Nusach Hari B'nai Zion's Torah scrolls from its previous home at 8630 Olive Boulevard to its new location near Price and Old Bonhomme roads in Olivette. After the Torah procession, the congregation held a dedication ceremony marking the move to the newly constructed \$2 million building. For a gallery of images, visit [www.stljewishlight.com](http://www.stljewishlight.com). Photo: Mike Sherwin

when we move into Olivette, we will continue to grow and younger people will be joining us. It's the culmination of a dream."

For Sidney Silverman, the moment was bittersweet as he awaited the Torah procession.

"I've been a member here for 44 years and I'm leaving a lot of great

memories here in this building," he said. "However, I'm looking forward to moving into the new building and coming up with some new great memories."

Debbie Sher found herself wiping away a tear just before the festivities got underway. Now a member at Shaare Emeth

Congregation, she grew up at NHBZ and was married there.

"I'm happy for the congregation that they are getting a new building," said the 47-year-old Chesterfield resident. "I just wanted to come by today to say good-

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Sincerely,  
Larry Levin, Publisher/CEO

**For children 10 and under: Enter the Jewish Light's High Holidays art contest**

See page 11B of this week's edition or visit us online at [www.stljewishlight.com/contest](http://www.stljewishlight.com/contest); Entries due Sept. 21.

# JEWISH LITE

**Across**

- 1. Whence Ruth
- 5. One way to pay
- 10. Declines
- 14. First Israeli NBA'er Casspi
- 15. Russian villa
- 16. Niger neighbor
- 17. Black-Jewish actress ("Gimme a Break")
- 19. Google founder Sergey
- 20. They may be grassy
- 21. Like "Schindler's List"
- 22. Pulitzer-winning Ferber
- 23. Kissing disease
- 25. Psychiatrist-rabbi Abraham
- 27. She played a Hasidic dry cleaner on "Curb Your Enthusiasm"
- 31. Hebrew you?

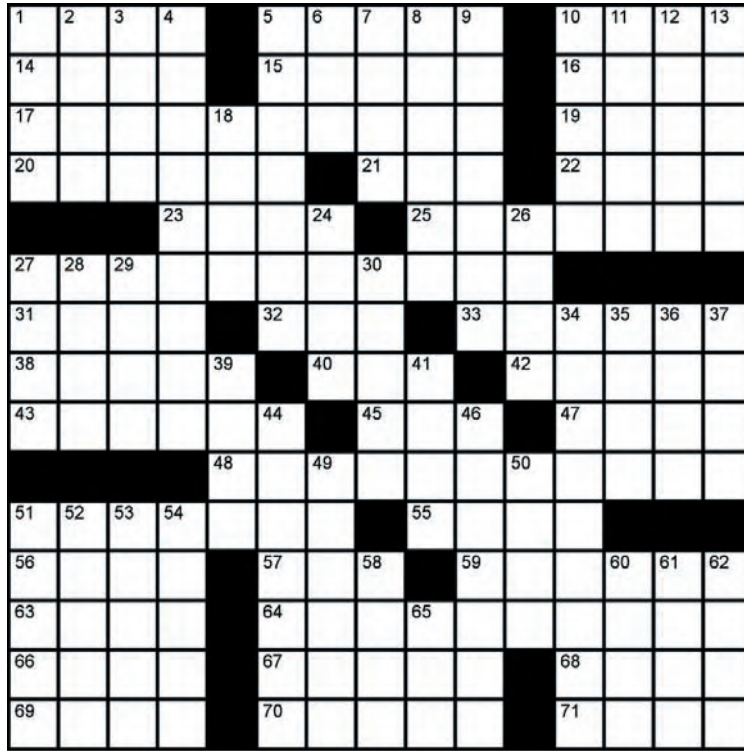
- 32. DC arm of Reform Judaism
- 33. Kind of kugel
- 38. Neuter
- 40. His wife turned into a pillar of salt
- 42. Sitting spot
- 43. Tarnish
- 45. "This is Spinal \_\_\_" (Reiner film)
- 47. Niggun
- 48. Danish pianist-humorist
- 51. Consider
- 55. Ego
- 56. Bit of "La Juive"
- 57. Actor Arnold
- 59. \_\_\_ rod (Exodus prop)
- 63. Noodges
- 64. "The great prose writer of Russian Jewry"
- 66. Itsy-bitsy biter
- 67. "Thou Shalt Not Covet" (\_\_\_ Commandment)

- 68. \_\_\_ Scotia
- 69. Make eyes at
- 70. Syria, perennially
- 71. \_\_\_ kosher (observe dietary laws)

**Down**

- 1. Brother
- 2. Gathering clouds, say
- 3. He sang of Alice
- 4. Host of "Real Time"
- 5. He played Lou Grant
- 6. Beetle, e.g.
- 7. "I'm Not Rappaport" has two
- 8. Case for a blade
- 9. Well earned
- 10. Fire remnant
- 11. Allen Ginsberg and Yehuda Amichai
- 12. Flip one's lid?
- 13. Revelation spot
- 18. Blockage
- 24. One kind of law
- 26. Eve's grandson
- 27. Frolics (about)
- 28. Big-ticket \_\_\_
- 29. Rabbi Judah Ha-\_\_\_
- 30. "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" actor Disick
- 34. He found Anne's diary
- 35. Gloomy
- 36. \_\_\_ Island Jewish Hospital
- 37. It's used in a duel

**JERUSALEM POST CROSSWORD PUZZLE**



By David Benkof, DavidBenkof@aol.com

- 39. XVI times VI
- 41. New Mexico art community
- 44. One of the seven nations of Canaan
- 46. Sermonizing
- 49. "The \_\_\_ People"
- 50. Yak
- 51. Hora alternative
- 52. Zoo critter
- 53. Politician-archaeologist Yadin
- 54. Garbage
- 58. Place for a comb
- 60. Mitch Miller instrument
- 61. Actress Campbell ("Party of Five")
- 62. What Zsa Zsa Gabor gave a cop
- 65. Kind of card



By Yaakov Kirschen, Jerusalem Post

**Last week's crossword answers**

Visit stljewishlight.com for this week's crossword puzzle answers.



**U.N.**

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Assembly, "for further consideration and recommendation or report."

Rule 138 of the Rules of Procedure (not the Charter) then states that the Secretary-General "shall inform the applicant State of the decision of the General Assembly." It then provides that "if the application is approved, membership shall become effective on the date on which the General Assembly takes its decision on the applica-

tion."

**If the United States or another permanent member vetoes an otherwise affirmative vote of the Security Council, is there still a way for the application for U.N. membership by the Palestinian Government to reach the U.N. General Assembly?**

In the event the application for admission to the United Nations is vetoed in the Security Council, a sidestep might be attempted by means of the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 377, entitled "Uniting for Peace," passed by the General Assembly on November 3, 1950.

The Resolution provides that in cases where the United Nations Security Council fails to act, owing to disagreement between its five permanent members, the matter shall be addressed immediately by the General Assembly, using the mechanism of an emergency special session.

The Uniting for Peace Resolution was initiated by the United States on November 3, 1950 as a means of circumventing Soviet vetoes of the Korean War. But the Resolution is limited to "maintenance of international peace and security in any case where there appears to be a threat to the peace, breach of the peace, or

act of aggression."

There is absolutely *no* mention of the application of the Resolution to applications to become a Member of the United Nations.

*The Resolution, accordingly, on its face does not apply to the application for U.N. membership.*

It remains to be seen whether this sidestep will be an effective procedural device in the event the Security Council fails to recommend Palestinian statehood to the General Assembly.

**NHBZ**

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bye to the old one."

Upon arrival at the new *shul*, there was more singing, dancing and cheering as a standing room-only crowd watched the installation of the Torahs followed by remarks from local dignitaries.

NHBZ broke ground on the 13,000-square-foot structure last summer. The two-story facility features new administrative offices, a Shabbat elevator, a chapel, meat and dairy kitchens, a teen lounge, a children's room and a multipurpose area.

Still, it may be most unique for what it doesn't have. There is no primary furnace in the building nor is there a traditional air conditioning system. Climate control is provided by geothermal wells sunk some 200 feet into the surrounding soil. It's one of a number of "green" features in the edifice, which was constructed with an emphasis on recycled materials and utilizes solar panels to generate much of its own power.

A few finishing touches are yet to be put in place including details regarding fencing and landscaping. Some of the stained glass from the old building is due to be moved to backlit window boxes in the sanctuary though they will no longer serve as windows.

"They're not energy efficient but they are beautiful," said Bob Kaiser, president of the congregation.

In his remarks to the crowd, Kaiser talked of lessons from Deuteronomy and the

Israelites arrival in the Promised Land telling the congregation that the work was only just beginning. The festivities were a "kickoff event," he said, not just a "kick-back-and-enjoy celebration."

"Just as Deuteronomy marked the end of a physical journey but not the end of the spiritual journey, the building of our synagogue does not mark the end of our spiritual mission," he said.

Olivette Mayor Jean Antoine welcomed the congregation to his municipality, speaking on the importance of community.

"I suggest that the best meaning for community is that we are individual of each other but individuals can and do work and play together, where they protect, respect, help and value one another," he said. "That's my definition."

Jewish Federation executive vice-president Barry Rosenberg mentioned his organization's strategic plan to build a prosperous Judaic presence in the Gateway region.

"Synagogues are central to that mission," he said. "Your success in bringing this new *shul* to fruition in Olivette is a fabulous contribution to the future of St. Louis as a thriving Jewish community."

Rabbi Ze'ev Smason recalled the synagogue's long history, which began with a *minyán* 105 years ago that met not far from where the Rams now play football. His remarks spoke of the changing nature of NHBZ as it continued to meet the needs of an increasingly diverse community with many different levels of observance. He said it was important to be welcoming to all Jews regardless of their movement affiliation and that in all his years as a rabbi, he

had never heard anyone say that their goal was simply to be an Orthodox Jew.

"But I have met many individuals who have said that they would like to be a better Jew and that's what Nusach Hari is for," he said.

Interviewed after his speech, Smason said the move was the culmination of a dream stretching back more than a decade.

"We had people, even before we broke ground who moved into the community in anticipation of this new synagogue," he said. "Even before we've begun services, we've seen an outpouring of interest and excitement."

He said he thinks the synagogue's new home should have the same staying power as its previous location.

"We hope to be here at least that long or until the Messiah comes, whichever comes first," Smason chuckled.

Robert Levine, a 23-year member of NHBZ, was accorded the honor of carrying one of the Torahs.

"It really was heartwarming and kind of gives tingles to your spine a little," said Levine, who noted that he married into a fifth-generation NHBZ family. "I just really appreciate having the opportunity to do something like that."

For all the celebration over the new building, the fate of the old one in a challenging real estate market remains uncertain. A 2009 contract on the structure fell through some time ago.

NHBZ continues to seek a buyer for its former home.

**PROTEST**

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The Jewish Federations of North America issued a carefully worded press release pledging support for "those who raise their voice in the public forum for the good of Israeli society, whether protest tent-dweller or member of Knesset." At the same time, JFNA urged protesters and the government to continue their dialogue until reaching an agreement.

Other groups expressed their support from afar. Rabbi Steve Gutow, president and CEO of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, an organization known for its strong stance on social issues, said the demonstrations raised real concerns regarding economic disparity in Israel. "Social justice in Israel is something we care about deeply," Gutow said, while adding that his group still wishes to give time for the commission set up by Prime Minister Netanyahu to issue its recommendations. "The fact that the government is seen as responding gave us a sense of pause," Gutow said.

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