



NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

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Shabbos July 30, 2016

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Torah Portion:

Pinchas Numbers 25:10 - 30:1

Stone Chumash: pages 876 - 899

Haftorah:

Jeremiah 1:1 - 2:3

Stone Chumash: pages 1192-1193

Candle Lighting 7:57 pm

Shabbos Concludes 8:59 pm

Our Generous Sponsors This Shabbos . . . Thank you to Rabbi Ze'ev and Chani Smason for sponsoring this week's bulletin in honor of their visiting children from Seattle and Israel.

Erev Shabbos, Friday, July 29, 2016

- Mincha & Ma'ariv ~ 7:00 pm

Shabbos Saturday, July 30, 2016

- Shachris & Musaf ~ 9:00 am ~ **Thank You for Leading Davening!**
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
 - Shacharis: **Menachem Szus**
 - Leyning: **Michael Shapiro**
 - Haftorah: **Dr. Naftali Kadosh**
 - Drasha: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
 - Musaf: **David Rubin**
- Learners' Service ~ 10:15 am ~ Led by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason** in the Rivkin Chapel.
- Tot Shabbat & Junior Congregation ~ 10:00 am led by **Kate Friedman** and **Jake Fendelman**
- Mincha/Shalosh Seudos/Ma'ariv ~ 7:35 pm

With thanks to an anonymous sponsor, a light breakfast will be available for the next three weeks after Shachris on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. During breakfast, Rabbi Smason will discuss ideas relevant to the Three Weeks. Open to men and women. Please join us!

SHUL NEWS....

- **July 31, Sunday ~ Pizza Night 5:00-7:00pm – All-You-Can-Eat Pizza Buffet ~** Bring your family and friends to enjoy a delicious dinner of pizza, pasta, salad and garlic bread, dessert and beverage! Plus a movie for the kids every month! Are you new to NHBZ, looking to meet more members...sign up to help on our Pizza Buffet Line! It's a great way for everyone to say "Hi." (Please place carry-out orders by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, July 31, 314-991-2100, ext. 2. Pick up time for carry out pizzas is 4:30-4:45 p.m.)

- **July 31, Sunday ~ 3:00 to 5:00 pm** ~ The Irv Alper Social Club is having an all games party! Get your group together. Come and play Bridge, Mah Jongg, and Poker. NHBZ, lower level, no charge, and no reservations required.
- **August 6, Shabbos~ 6:45 pm ~ Family Shalosh Seudos Program** with guest speakers **Rabbi Kowalsky and his wife Shoshana** from The St Louis Kollel.
- **Sunday, August 7th ~ 5:00-7:00 pm ~ Israeli Falafel Night** presented by Special Guest Chefs, Dror Sheleg and Amir Noy,
- **August 8, Monday ~ 7:00-8:30 pm** ~ The Home Discussion Group meets again. This time at the home of Jay & Peggy Umansky. The topic will be **“The Jewish Perspective on Life after Life.”** to Jeff at jeff@nhbz.org or 991-2100 for address.
- **August 13, Shabbos, Lunch & Learn! Rabbi Ze’ev Smason’s topic will be “The Essence of True Beauty & Tisha B’Av.”**
- **August 13, Shabbos ~ 10 am Tot Shabbat and Junior Congregation!**
- **August 14, Sunday ~ Tisha B' Av ~ 2:00 pm** The Holocaust Museum & Learning Center will be screening the film, "Life is Strange." **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason** will introduce the film and lead a discussion following the film's screening.
- **August 20, Shabbos ~ 10 am Tot Shabbat and Junior Congregation!**
- **August 21, Sunday ~ Special Gifts Brunch.**
- **Cash Cards ~ Orders for August are now being taken through Monday, August 15th.** Please help raise money for NHBZ and place your order for August! The order form is attached to this week’s emailed bulletin. Every order makes a difference to our shul. You probably will be shopping at Dierbergs, CVS, or Walgreens (just to name a few cash card possibilities) this month, so why not benefit NHBZ as you shop? Thank you for buying cash cards in July! **Shirley & Sam Bluestein, Dr. Faye Cohen & Brian McCary, Julie & Don Eisenberg, Scott & Leslie Gitel, Stan & Rhonnie Goldfader, Bob& Joni Kaiser, Robert Levine, Phyllis & Howard Loiterstein, Michael & Alana Minoff, Mark Ragin, Richard & Mindy Woolf, and Alan & Vivian Zarkowsky.**

The deadline for this year’s Special Gift Campaign has been extended to August 7th. Please make your pledge so you can be invited to our “Thank You Brunch” on Sunday, August 21.

Remember you only need to make a pledge by this date. Also, we are instituting a “matching” Charidy Program, so your donation will help even more this year! Please call Howard Loiterstein (434-1339) or Dr. Craig Berkin (993-4200) with any questions.

Happy Anniversary this week to: Steve & Jill Starr

Happy Birthday this week to: Sally Needle, Janet Goldenberg, and Shayna Scribner

Adult Learning at NHBZ

Save the Dates:

August 25-September 22 ~ Hebrew Reading Crash Course!

August 31- September 21 ~ Class with Rabbi Smason "The Soul's Journey: What You Can Do In Memory of a Departed Loved One"

September 4, Sunday ~ Rabbi-Ride-Around in Forest Park!

September 11, Sunday ~ 1st Annual Kosher BBQ Cook Off!

September 25, Sunday ~ Speaker Night with Michael Medved!

Please join us for the final speakers in the series on the ~ *"The 15 Worst Lies about Israel and How to Combat Them"*

WHEN: Wednesday at NHBZ, Feigenbaum-Pepose Multi-Purpose Room, lower level.

TIME: 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

"Intifadas are the result of failures in the peace process and Palestinian frustration" &

"Israel uses excessive or disproportionate force in responding to Palestinian militants."

Speakers: Dr. Laura Goldmeier and Chiyya Smason

Amud-A-Week Program ~ Join Rabbi Daniel Freund every Monday at 7:30 pm for a weekly Talmud class/shiur. Rabbi Freund's class is an opportunity to participate in an exploration of relevant Torah topics. This class is open to everyone, whether you are unacquainted with Talmud or are on a basic or intermediate level. A project of the St. Louis Kollel, the **Amud-A-Week program** will be taking place at multiple synagogues and with different instructors throughout St. Louis. So almost literally, the whole St. Louis Jewish community will be 'on the same page'. For questions, please contact Rabbi Smason.

Every Wednesday at 12:15 pm Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Smason. Study Pirkei Avos / Ethics of the Fathers. This class is also available to view from your computer on Wednesday's at 12 pm CDT. Visit our website at www.nhbz.org - click on 'media', then 'online classes', then 'ustream_graphic'. Enjoy!

Please note the August session of Rabbi Mintz's class at the Berkin home is cancelled.

Beyond Twelve Gates

Parshas Pinchas

July 30, 2016

'The Hip Hippo Collection'

For one Connecticut woman, hippos are the way to her heart. Becky Fusco, 29, has been collecting all-things hippopotamuses since she was 10 years old. The new mom possesses 604 items and will be presenting evidence of her colossal collection to the Guinness Book of World Records, in hopes to win

a world record holder title. "It brings back lots of memories," Becky said, elaborating that she's loved hippos since owning her first, a lucky hippo figurine that she kept on her desk in grade school. Over the years, friends and family gifted Becky with hippo objects. Her collection includes the game Hungry Hungry Hippos, among the more unique trinkets like salt and pepper shakers, Russian hippo nesting dolls and some of her favorites -- children's books and holiday hippos.

Judy Fuerst, curator of the Barker Character, Comic, and Cartoon Museum in Cheshire, CT, is something of an expert in collections. The Barker Museum houses more than 80,000 toys that span more than 150 years. "Anything in quantities takes on an importance that it doesn't have as an individual item," Ms. Fuerst said. "Artistically speaking, you can appreciate how many different, beautiful forms it can take on.

Who knew there were so many different ways to display hippos?" Ms. Fuerst speculated that there was a deeper motivation for collections. "I think to a certain extent there's a human instinct to accumulate things you like ... I'm much more interested in hippos after this, for example," she said.

And as for Becky Fusco, why is she submitting her hippo collection to the Guinness Book of World Records? "I'm excited because it gives my collection a purpose and a reason to come out of the boxes," (emphasis added) Becky said.

Viktor Frankl, the psychiatrist who survived Auschwitz, wrote *Man's Search for Meaning*, one of the most widely read books of our time. Dr. Frankl used to say: Don't ask what you want from life. Ask what life wants from you. The great lives are ones where people heard a call, had a sense of vocation and purpose. Dr. Frankl lived his teachings; in a long and good life, he taught people to build a future, or more precisely, to hear the future calling to them.

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. This week, Pinchas is rewarded for sanctifying the Name of G-d and is granted the blessing of peace and priesthood (Kehuna). 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, though 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 brought on various festivals. These sections are also read from the Torah throughout the year on the appropriate holidays.

Rabbinic Ruminations

A park ranger treads carefully through the trees, stopping to listen for signs of the poacher he's tailing. Killed for skins, medicine and trophy hunting, the worldwide population of tigers has been reduced to near-extinction at about 3,200. Supply of wild animal products could be dealt with by park rangers catching the poachers before they attack, but finding a single poacher in thousands of square miles can be almost impossible, and in the poorest areas, resources are so constrained that poachers are not being intercepted at all. Artificial intelligence and game theory are surprising elements in the arsenal of weapons being used to combat this problem. Artificial Intelligence deals with the development of systems and software capable of acting intelligently, and doing things that would normally be done by people – equally as well, or sometimes better.

Using GPS devices, researchers are delivering intelligent software that helps even the most under-resourced parks protect their animals and tackle the global trade. The software feeds patrol routes to GPS devices carried by the park rangers, giving each person recommendations to take certain actions, like going to a different area. Data also feeds back to the software and is factored in to future recommendations. The inspiration for the poaching idea came from a very different setting halfway around the world. Ten years earlier, researchers developed an unusual approach for running airport security at LAX international airport in Los Angeles. With multiple access points to the airport and not enough officers to cover all the roads and terminals at once, game theory -- the study of mathematical models of conflict and cooperation between intelligent rational decision-makers -- was used to allocate limited security resources by strategically randomizing the schedule to keep the adversary guessing.

Scientists have trained computers to read emotions. When emotional intelligence joins forces with artificial intelligence, where will we draw the line between computers and people? What makes us, and not machines, human? What makes human life sacred is the fact that no one is a substitute for any other. The Talmud points out that when a human makes many coins in the same mint, they all come out the same. G-d makes us all in the same image, His image, but we all come out different. That uniqueness is at the heart of our humanity. And it exists not in intelligence, which can be artificial, but in our neshamos (souls) that have the capacity to exercise free will.

Quote of the Week

Make-up can only make you look pretty on the outside but it doesn't help if you're ugly on the inside. Unless you eat the make-up. -- Audrey Hepburn

Joke of the Week

Late for an important meeting and unable to find parking, Yankel pulled into a spot behind Beth Israel Congregation – a large shul downtown.

"They won't mind," he reasoned. "And it's just for a couple of hours."

He was about to leave when he saw the sign in the parking lot that read:

"No parking. We are practicing forgiveness, especially during the High Holiday season, but don't make it harder than it already is."

In the Community

August 8th, 9th and 10th ~ 10:30 am -12 pm ~ Eishes Chayil Women's Division of the St. Louis Kollel presents Mrs. Sara Aliza Scheinberg's class "Three Days of Inspirational Learning in this Critical Time Preceding Tisha Ba'av." The classes will be held at Young Israel.

Join the Minyan - It's good for us, it's good for you!

This Week's Schedule	Shabbos July 30	Sunday July 31	Monday Aug 1	Tuesday Aug 2	Wednesday Aug 3	Thursday Aug 4	Friday Aug 5	Shabbos Aug 6
Shacharis	9:00 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	6:45 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:35pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00pm	7:30pm
							Rosh Chodesh Av	

NHBZ Event Planner

(Check "Shul News . . ." for time, date or location changes.)

Call the office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2, to confirm the date and time of any event.

All events will be at NHBZ unless otherwise noted.

WEEKLY at NHBZ

SHABBOS

- Tefillah Class (9:30 am) led by Rabbi Yosef David in the Rivkin Chapel.
- Child Care (10:15 am – Noon) for kids 3 & under in the Children's Room.
- Learners Service (10:15 am) led by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason in the Rivkin Chapel.
- Shabbos Tanach (Bible) (One hour before Mincha)

SUNDAY

- Mishna Learning (after Shacharis) with Rabbi Chanan Swidler.
- "Mystical Moments" with Rabbi Max Weiman. (between Mincha & Maariv.)
- Tanya (8:00 pm) with Rabbi Shaya Mintz, of the St. Louis Kollel.

MONDAY

- Mah Jongg (Mondays, 4-6:00 pm) NHBZ Lower Level. Proceeds benefit The NHBZ Chesed Fund.

WEDNESDAY

- Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn (12:15-1:00 pm) Studying Pirkei Avos.

BI-MONTHLY at NHBZ

JUNIOR CONGREGATION & TOT SHABBAT ~

MONTHLY at NHBZ

- Mussar Mondays (First Monday) 7:00-7:45 pm. at the home of Richard & Mindy Woolf.
- Women's Home Study Group (First Tuesday) 2:30 pm with Rabbi Shaya Mintz, of the St. Louis Kollel, at the home of Jackie Berkin.
- Morris Lenga Yiddish Club (First Thursday) 7:30 pm at NHBZ.
- Sisterhood (Third Tuesday)
- Dine-In Pizza Night (Last Sunday) 5:00 – 7:00 pm
Place Carry-Out Pizza orders by 10:00 am, 314-991-2100, ext 2. Pick up time 4:30–4:45 pm.

NHBZ Signature Events

- Synaplex Shabbos- Services begin at 8:30am
- Shabbos Lunch & Learn

Memorial Plaques ~ Memorial plaques are lovingly mounted in our new building. Remember your loved ones with a plaque; prices are \$180 and \$360.

Synagogue Honors ~ It is customary to make a donation to the shul for Aliyos or other honors received.



Join us at any of the upcoming Home Discussion Groups

**Interested in studying the Jewish Perspective on
contemporary issues in a relaxed home setting?**

Come Grow with Us!

Led by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason, Groups
meet at the homes of our members and
friends.

This ongoing project plans to meet from 7:00 -
8:30 p.m. on the **Second Monday of the
month** (unless there is a holiday and then it
will be the 3rd Monday.)



The current schedule is as follows:

**August 8th- The Umansky's home - Topic "The Jewish Perspective on Life
after Life."**

Light refreshments will be served

Please RSVP to Jeff at **314-991-2100** or jeff@nhbz.org by the Wednesday before the
gathering. (Addresses and phone numbers will be given at the time of your RSVP)



From Our Families to Yours...

Junior Congregation and Tot Shabbat

Programs of the NHBZ Children & Young Families Committee

Calling ALL Kids (& Friends)!

August 13 and 20

***Junior Congregation* for **ALL** 7 – 11 year olds!**

Learn and recite the main Shabbat prayers and tunes

- Review the weekly Torah portion
- Discuss Israel and learn cool facts about the Holy Land
- Hang out with old friends and make new ones!

Time: 10:00 a.m. – Noon

***Tot Shabbat* (age 6 and under, siblings welcome!)**

Parents and Grandparents come with kids to participate in a fun, interactive, educational family service. Learn about Shabbat, Judaism, and how to pray with your children in a way they will appreciate and look forward to! Enjoy our songs, prayers, tiny Torahs, stories, special games and so much more!

July 30: Stuffed Animal Shabbat

Time: 10:00 – 10:30 am Snacks and Play

10:30 – 11:15 am Program

Where: Both take place Downstairs

(NHBZ membership NOT required...All levels of observance welcome!!!)

For questions, please email or call Jeff at (314) 991-2100, ext. 2



The Soul's Journey: **What You Can Do In Memory of a Departed Loved One**

What is the Jewish Perspective on paying respect to our departed loved ones?

*This course, scheduled to come right before the High Holidays, will not only go into
the HOW's, but also the WHY's!*

These Four classes will take place on **Wednesdays,**
August 31, September 7, 14, and 21, 2016

at **7:30 p.m.** at NHBZ's lower level.

Each class is self-contained so you can attend one or any
of them!

Class One: Torah Study, Tzedaka & Chesed (Charity & Kindness)

Class Two: Prayers

Class Three: The Day of the Yartzheit

Class Four: Walking in the Righteous Path



NHBZ membership is not required. Please invite your friends!

***Suggested donation is \$25 for the four-part series. Reservations are
requested.***

***For questions or to RSVP, please contact Jeff Miller at jeff@nhbz.org
or (314) 991-2100, ext. 2.***



Join us for a **Family Shalosh Seudos (Third Meal)**

Shabbat, August 6, 2016

with Guest speakers

**Rabbi Yitzchak and Shoshana Kowalsky
of the St. Louis Kollel**



At 6:45 p.m. Rabbi Kowalsky will lead a discussion for men titled "**Kiddush Levanah -- Our Monthly Kiddush,**"
and

Shoshana Kowalsky will present a women's class discussing
"**The Human Condition and the Power of Speech.**"

Mincha will be at 7:30 p.m. with both family and adult services offered,
but we will be eating the Shalosh Seudos meal together.

Everyone is welcome

**Please consider becoming a sponsor! Families or individuals
can sponsor the event for \$18**

RSVP to Jeff at **314-991-2100** or jeff@nhbz.org



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**WHEN: THURSDAYS: 8/25, 9/1, 9/8, 9/15, AND
9/22/2016**

TIME: 7:30 – 9:00 PM AT NHBZ

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- **MAKE YOUR HIGH HOLIDAYS MORE MEANINGFUL**
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PLEASE REGISTER AND PROVIDE YOUR PAYMENT OF \$18 FOR THE ENTIRE COURSE AND MATERIALS BY JULY 31ST.

CALL JEFF AT 314-991-2100 EXT. 2 WITH YOUR DETAILS OR MAIL YOUR PAYMENT TO NHBZ, 650 N. PRICE ROAD, ST. LOUIS MO 63132

INDICATE ON THE CHECK THAT IT IS FOR HEBREW READING CRASH COURSE.

NHBZ Cash Card Order Form

Due Monday, August 15

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- Just fill out a form and mail or drop off at the office . (Questions? Call Laura at 991-2100 x3)

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AMC Theatres	\$ 25.00	8.0%			Kohl's	\$ 25.00	4.0%		
AMC Single Admit	\$ 10.50	10.0%				\$ 100.00	4.0%		
Barnes & Noble	\$ 10.00	9.0%			Lowe's	\$ 25.00	4.0%		
	\$ 25.00	9.0%				\$ 100.00	4.0%		
Bath & Body Works	\$ 10.00	13.0%			Macy's	\$ 25.00	10.0%		
	\$ 25.00	13.0%				\$ 100.00	10.0%		
Bed, Bath & Beyond	\$ 25.00	7.0%			Mobil	\$ 50.00	1.0%		
	\$ 100.00	7.0%			Office Max/ Office Depot	\$ 25.00	5.0%		
Best Buy	\$ 25.00	4.0%				\$ 100.00	5.0%		
	\$ 100.00	4.0%			Petco*	\$ 10.00	5.0%		
BP Gas Card	\$ 50.00	1.5%			PetSmart	\$ 25.00	4.0%		
Build A Bear	\$ 25.00	8.0%			Pier 1*	\$ 25.00	9.0%		
Container Store*	\$ 25.00	9.0%			REI*	\$ 25.00	8.0%		
	\$ 100.00	9.0%			Shell Gas Card	\$ 25.00	2.0%		
CVS	\$ 25.00	6.0%			Starbucks	\$ 10.00	7.0%		
	\$ 100.00	6.0%				\$ 25.00	7.0%		
Dierberg's*	\$ 25.00	2.5%			Stein Mart*	\$ 25.00	7.0%		
	\$ 100.00	2.5%			Target*	\$ 25.00	2.5%		
Dillards	\$ 25.00	9.0%				\$ 50.00	2.5%		
	\$ 100.00	9.0%			Talbots	\$ 25.00	13.0%		
Famous Footwear*	\$ 25.00	8.0%			T.J. Maxx/Marshall's/ Home Goods	\$ 25.00	7.0%		
Gap/Old Navy/ Banana Republic	\$ 25.00	14.0%				\$ 100.00	7.0%		
Home Depot	\$ 25.00	4.0%			Ulta Beauty*	\$ 25.00	4.0%		
	\$ 100.00	4.0%			Walgreens	\$ 25.00	6.0%		
iTunes	\$ 15.00	5.0%				\$ 100.00	6.0%		
	\$ 25.00	5.0%			Walmart/ Sam's Club	\$ 25.00	2.5%		
JC Penney	\$ 25.00	5.0%				\$ 100.00	2.5%		
	\$ 100.00	5.0%			Whole Foods*	\$ 25.00	3.0%		
						\$ 100.00	3.0%		
					Other**:				

TOTAL THIS ORDER: \$ _____

- Orders & payments to NHBZ may be made by **check or cash only**, and MUST accompany your order form.
- Payments received after the 15th of the month will automatically be placed on the next order date.

**New additions to our list*

***A complete list of participating businesses can be found at ShopWithScrip.com. If you do not have access to a computer or internet, please contact our office. Please do NOT order directly from the website.*

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And please remember to use your Schnuck's Card for NHBZ credit!!!