

# Good Yom Tov & Good Shabbos to Everyone!!

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Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion  
1st & 2nd Days of Sukkos ~  
September 23 & 24  
Chol Hamoed Sukkos ~  
Shabbos, September 25

Bruchim Habayim  
15 & 16 Tishrei 5771  
17 Tishrei 5771



Welcome to Chai & Ash!  
Happy Birthday Ash!!!  
Happy Birthday Jackie!!!

☆ **Kiddush** ~ Everyone is invited to Kiddush in the Sukkah following services on Yom Tov & Shabbos. Thanks to **Alan & Vivian Zarkowsky** for sponsoring some extra goodies for Shabbos Kiddush to **welcome Asher & Chai to St. Louis** for the first days of Sukkos and in honor of **Asher's birthday!!!** AND, Thanks to **Sid & Phyllis Silverman** for sponsoring a cake in honor of **Jackie Berkin's Birthday!!!**

If you would like to sponsor, enhance or add something special to a Kiddush, sponsor Soda or Shalosh Seudos, please call 314-991-2100, ext. 2, to make arrangements. Your contribution will help our NHBZ Kiddush & Shalosh Seudos Funds.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ASHER!!! WELCOME CHAI & ASHER!!!  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY JACKIE!!!**

## ☆ Davening ~ Sukkos

*Sedra & Maftir for First & Second Days of Sukkos*

Sedra: *Vayikra 22:26- 23:44*: Chumash: pages 680-691. Siddur: pages 471-473.

Maftir: *Bemidbar 29:12-16*: Chumash: pages 894 & 895. Siddur: page 473.

*Haftorahs*

1st Day: *Zechariah 14:21*: Chumash: 1241 & 1242. Siddur: 473 & 474.

2nd Day: *I Kings 8:2-21*: Chumash: 1242 & 1243. Siddur: 474 & 475.

☆ **Thank You For Leading Davening**: **SUKKOS: Pesukei D'Zimra: 1st & 2nd Days: Howard Sandler; Shacharis: 1st Day: Dr. Ethan Schuman, 2nd Day: Rabbi Yonason Goldson; Leyning: Asher Zarkowsky; Haftorah: 1st day: Jack Lyss, 2nd Day: Alex Lyss; Musaf 1st Day: Dr. Ethan Schuman, 2nd Day: David Rubin. SHABBOS CHOL HAMOED SUKKOS: Pesukei D'Zimra: Howard Sandler; Shacharis: Dr. Ethan Schuman; Leyning: Michael Shapiro; Haftorah: David Rubin; Musaf: Dr. Ethan Schuman.**

☆ **Mincha 1st & 2nd Days of Sukkos**: We will daven Mincha on Thursday & Friday evenings, September 23 & 24, at 6:35 p.m. Bench Licht Thursday night at 7:42 p.m. or after. Davening will begin on Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. Bench licht Friday night at 6:37 p.m.

☆ **Shabbos Chol Hamoed Sukkos**: Davening begins on Shabbos morning, September 25, at 9:00 a.m.; We will daven Mincha on Shabbos evening at 6:20 p.m. Shabbos will conclude at 7:39 p.m.

☆ **Jr. Congregations** Jr. Congregation for girls and younger children will be held on Shabbos morning at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel with **Dodi Smason**. Boys Jr. Congregation will not meet for the next few weeks while Avrumi Smason and his family are in Israel. Instead, "Conversational Hebrew for Teens," will meet in the Auditorium, at 10:30 a.m., led by **Sima Moria**.

☆ **Shacharis, Mincha and Maariv ~ Sukkos, Wednesday night, Thursday & Friday, Sept. 23/24/25:**

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Shacharis	7:00	★9:00	★9:00
Mincha	★6:35	★6:35	6:35

★1st Days of Sukkos

☆ **Shacharis, Mincha and Maariv ~ Shabbos, September 25 through Friday, October 1:**

	Shabbos	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Shacharis	★★9:00	★8:00	★★7:00	★7:00	6:45	★★★9:00	★★★9:00
Mincha	★★6:20	★6:35	★★6:35	★6:35	★★★6:35	★★★6:35	6:35

★★Chol Hamoed Sukkos

★★★Hoshana Rabba/Shemini Atzeres/Simchas Torah

☆ **It is customary** to make a contribution to the synagogue for honors received during the holidays, and in memory of your loved ones after Yizkor on Yom Kippur. We appreciate receiving your donations very much.

☆ **Men's Mikvah Times** for the upcoming holidays are posted on the lobby bulletin board.

## ☆ Sukkos, Shemini Atzeres, Simchas Torah & Festivities

**Sukkos: Wednesday night, Thursday & Friday, September 22, 23 & 24**

**Chol Hamoed Sukkos: Shabbos, Sunday, Monday & Tuesday, September 25, 26, 27 & 28**

**Hoshana Rabba: Wednesday, September 29**

**Shemini Atzeres: Wednesday night & Thursday, September 29 & 30**

**SIMCHAS TORAH HAKOFOS: Thursday night, September 30 at 7:00 p.m.**

**SIMCHAS TORAH SPAGHETTI DINNER** - Please join us for Hakofos on Simchas Torah night - Thursday, September 30, at 7:00 p.m. We will take a break between Hakofos for an All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner FREE to everyone. Reservations are a MUST. Sisterhood will provide delicious candy apples for everyone, and there will be flags for all the



## ★ *Simchas Torah & Festivities, continued*

children. **Thanks to our sponsors: Bob & Sandie Abrams, Lenny & Fran Alper, Andy & Ellen Berg, Craig & Jackie Berkin, Sam & Shirley Bluestein, Drs. Susan Feigenbaum & Jay Pepose, Alan & Janet Haber, Bob & Joni Kaiser, Ted & Rachael Pevnick, Jim Pollock, Mark Ragin & Gail Rose, David & Fran Reisler, Irwin & Roz Rosen, Jon & Naomi Shanker, Sid & Phyllis Silverman, Gary & Trudy Sudin, Menachem & Linda Szus, and thanks to newbies this year - Ruth Alper, Kenny Bressler & Esther Gelb!!!**

**SIMCHAS TORAH DAY: Friday, October 1**

**SIMCHAS TORAH LUNCHEON** We will have our third annual Simchas Torah Day luncheon on Friday, October 1st. Thank you & Yasher Koach to **Bertha Berman & Phyllis Silverman** for making 280 stuffed cabbage rolls for the luncheon!!! Services will conclude at 12:30 p.m. followed by Kiddush as usual. We will then have the luncheon at a cost of \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 for kids 6-10, and FREE to kids 5 & under. If you would like to join us for lunch, please call our office, 314-991-2100 ext. 5. Reservations and pre-payment are a MUST!

## ★ *NHBZ Coming Events & Dates to Remember*

### ★ SHABBOS FESTIVITIES, EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

★ **KABBALAT SHABBAT** with Aryeh Needle Friday night, October 15, 6:00 p.m.

★ **OCTOBER LUNCH & LEARN** in honor of our friends celebrating October Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries on Shabbos, October 16. Our guest speaker will be **Gershie Meisel**, the new coordinator of NCSY (National Council of Synagogue Youth) & JSU (Jewish Student Union) organizations. Gershie will speak on the topic: "Avraham and Jewish Outreach."

★ **KABBALAT SHABBAT with Aryeh Needle** Friday night, November 12

★ **FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBOS DINNER** following services, November 12.

★ **SYNAPLEX SHABBAT** Always interesting topics and dynamic speakers to nourish your mind; then enjoy Shabbos lunch in honor of our friends celebrating November Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries on Shabbos, November 13.

★ **1st Ever NHBZ GOLF TOURNAMENT** Thanks to **Bobby Levine**, chairman of the Golf Tournament, for all his hard work in putting the event together. The foursome of **Jim Keefe, Ed Lynch and Bobby Levine & Jason Gould** won 1st place with a score of 69, 2 under par!! Thanks to all the volunteers: **Lenny Alper, Esther Gelb, Alan Haber, Bob Kaiser, Nina Levine & her friend, Adrian Pickett, Trudy Sudin, and Robin Rickerman**. Golfers and volunteers, alike, had a great time but, alas, no one won the "hole-in-one" prize -- Missed it by THAT much!. We look forward to a bigger, better tournament at next year's "Shootout for the Shul."



### ★ **PIZZA IN THE HUT** Sunday, September 26, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

All-You-Can-Eat Buffet: Pizza, Spaghetti, Garlic Bread & Salad plus Dessert & Beverage.

Kids 3 & under: FREE Kids 4-10: \$6 Adults: \$10

★ **Executive Committee Meeting** - This Tuesday, September 28. Minyan at 6:25 p.m.; Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

★ **The Irvin Alper Social Club** Sunday, October 3, 6:00 p.m. Come and enjoy dinner and good friends plus a movie, play cards or just shmooze. Speak to Ruth Alper for details and reservations, 314-569-2877.

★ **2010 RABBI RIDE-AROUND RALLY & PICNIC** Sunday, October 10, in Forest Park!!

This is a fundraising & social event -- Sponsor **Rabbi Smason's** 50-Mile Ride Around Forest Park's bike trail: We ask for a minimum pledge of 25c per mile, which makes a total \$12.50 donation; 50c = \$25; \$1.00 = \$50; \$2.00 = \$100.00!!! Come and have some fun!! The ride begins at 8:30 a.m. and the picnic is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Call our office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2 to make your pledge.

★ **Carry Out PIZZA NIGHT** Wednesday, October 13. Deadline to order: noon of that day.

★ **6th Annual KOSHER CHILI COOKOFF** Sunday, November 21st!! It's not too early to get your team together!! Go to our website, [www.nhbz.org](http://www.nhbz.org), for your 2010 entry form and rules.



★ **Multi-Family Sale!!** Please give your **furniture, books, lamps, household items and knick-knacks** in **good** condition, for the Shul's Multi-Family Sale on Sunday, October 24 and Wednesday, October 27. **NO MORE CLOTHES ARE NEEDED!!!** For drop-off times and questions about the sale, please call Esther Gelb, 567-1683.

## ★ *We are proud to present our Honorees for 2010 ~*

Honorees, **Joann Raskas & Ron Rosen**. And a new Youth Service Award to recipients **Alex Lyss and Jack Lyss**. Joann Raskas and Ron Rosen are the benefactors and inspiration of the monthly "night out" that has delighted the entire Jewish community ~ **Our Lion's Den Pizza Night at Nusach Hari B'nai Zion!!!** They donated our very first pizza oven!!! This outstanding good deed launched the project that has surpassed our expectations, and continues to provide a venue for kosher meals and family fun! Alex and Jack Lyss are two extraordinary young men who have immersed themselves in shul life and have endeared themselves to everyone at NHBZ. The list of the good deeds that Alex and Jack Lyss have performed is impressive - from regularly leyning (reading) the Torah, to choosing a service project for our shul to complete their Eagle Scout program, Alex and Jack exemplify the best in today's youth ~ learning, building & preparing for the future. It is with great pleasure that we give well-deserved honor to these wonderful people on Sunday, December 12, 2010. Please send your ad forms with your business ads, or greetings & messages to our honorees.



# 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.** A friend and reader, 'Angie', shared a story about her substitute assignment at a private high school. The lesson plan in the Classic Literature class included reading aloud from J.D. Salinger's "The Catcher in the Rye." The novel is truly a classic; it was included on **Time's** 2005 list of the 100 best English-language novels written since 1923, and it was named by Modern Library and its readers as one of the 100 best English language novels of the 20th century. However, the novel's protagonist and antihero, Holden Caulfield, swears steadily throughout the book. Angie told me that she took a polite but firm stand regarding a repeated profanity of G-d's name. Students in the class respected the teacher's request to skip over the word and keep on reading. Angie noted that "in a public school setting, I could probably be fired for standing up for G-d. But I know there had to be students who also disliked the content but felt too scared to say anything." Angie's story about her teaching assignment is a wonderful one. It brings to mind the classic Jewish teaching (expressed in Ethics of Our Fathers) that states, "In a place where there is no person, strive to be a person." Standing up for truth is rarely easy - but it's always the right thing to do. In the bigger picture of life, we never lose when we do the right thing.



## Torah Reading for Sukkos

The Torah readings for the first two days of Sukkos and Shabbos reflect central themes of the holiday of Sukkos. On both Thursday and Friday (September 23 & 24) the Torah reading is from Leviticus 22:26 - 23: 44. On Shabbos the Torah reading is from Exodus 33:12 — 34:26. The readings include descriptions of the featured mitzvos of the holiday. During Sukkos we dwell in a 'Sukkah' - a booth or hut whose roof is made of detached tree branches and other natural material. As the weather begins to turn cooler, we leave the comfort of the indoors for our Sukkah. In it we joyously reflect upon what we achieved over the course of the High Holidays and renew our commitment to spirituality and a G-d centered life. The Torah readings also describe the 4 Species (**Arba Minim**) used on Sukkos: The palm branch (**lulav**), citron (**esrog**), myrtle branches (**hadassim**), and willow branches (**aravos**). A well known concept is that the the 4 Species represent distinct personality types: **1.)** The edible and fragrant **esrog** symbolizes one who is both Torah-learned and charitable, **2.)** the **lulav**, which bears sweet dates but totally lacks fragrance, represents one who is learned but lacking in good deeds, **3.)** the fragrant but inedible **hadass** symbolizes one who excels in good deeds but is unlearned, and **4.)** the **arava** symbolizes a simple person, lacking both Torah knowledge and good deeds. By binding these species together and holding them at one time, we express the unity of all Jews.



## Rabbinical Ruminations



Albert Einstein once said, "Life is like riding a bicycle. In order to keep your balance, you must keep moving." **Philippe Croizon**, a 42 year old Frenchman, is a man on the move. This past weekend Croizon, whose arms and legs were amputated, swam across the English Channel using leg prostheses that have flippers attached. The Frenchman had expected the tough crossing to take up to 24 hours — and instead, he finished in only 13 and a half. "I did it, I'm happy, I'm so happy, I can't believe it, it's crazy," he told France-Info radio, sounding giddy on arrival late Saturday. Croizon's specially designed leg prostheses, which end in flippers, allow him to propel himself through the water. His truncated upper arms go through the motions of the crawl, and he breathes through a snorkel. Croizon made headlines in 2007 for parachuting from an airplane. He wrote a book about his experiences called "J'ai decide de vivre" (I decided to live.) In the face of difficulties, human beings possess a great character trait that allows them to meet all challenges; resilience. Resilience is found in those who refuse to succumb to hardship. Those with resilience enjoy a foundation of strength & character, enabling them to rise to any occasion. The Book of Proverbs says that the righteous man falls seven times, but then arises. The difference between the righteous and others is **not** that the righteous never stumble. At various times in life, we all experience tragedy and adversity; everyone errs and commits mistakes. Nevertheless, the righteous get up while others remain down. They don't throw in the towel saying, "What's the use? G-d is unfair. Life is unfair. I give up." Man never made any material as resilient as the human spirit.

## Quote of the Week ~ Wilt Chamberlain

The problem with doing nothing is that you never know when you're through. That's why it's so easy to keep on doing nothing.



## Joke of the Week



OY VEY!

A little Jewish lady is flying out of New York City on her way to Miami Beach. She looks at the businessman sitting next to her and asks him, "**Excuse me sir, but are you Jewish?**" The man responds politely, "No, ma'am, I'm not Jewish." After a little while she again queries him, "**You're really Jewish, aren't you?**" Again he responds, "No ma'am, I am not Jewish." Barely 10 minutes later, the little old lady asks him once more, "**Are you sure you're not Jewish?**" To which, in exasperation and in a final effort to get her to leave him alone, he replies, "Okay. Yes, ma'am, I am Jewish." "**Funny,**" she says, looking puzzled, "**you don't look Jewish!**"

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](mailto:Pepshort613@gmail.com) or [adarabba@hotmail.com](mailto:adarabba@hotmail.com). Care to know more about Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Congregation? Check us out at [www.nhbz.org](http://www.nhbz.org) If you enjoyed Beyond Twelve Gates, please share with a friend. Thanks to Alan Haber for his assistance in distributing BTG.

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★ **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 5:50 p.m.**

★ **Shabbos Study Group** Each Shabbos one hour before Mincha. **This Shabbos at 6:20 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 Aish HaTorah, leads a study of the Mishna following Sunday morning services. Davening at 8:00 a.m. followed by Mishna study.

★ **RAP with the RABBI** Teen Group with **Rabbi Smason** will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in his office.

★ **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** Wed., 12:15 pm, in the auditorium. Insights for daily living from the weekly Torah portion. The class will not meet on Wednesdays before Sukkos and Shemini Atzeres/Simchas Torah -- September 22 & 29.

★ **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. We will not have a class in September. **Next class Tuesday, October 5, 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, October 7th, 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!!!

★ **Melton Classes**

**Rabbi Smason's Schedule of Classes:**

**Hoshanah Rabbah Lunch and Learn**

This Wednesday, September 29, At the home of Cyndee Levy, 333 Mason Road, 63141  
10:30-11:30 a.m. **What is Hoshana Rabbah?** with Rabbi Smason  
11:30-Noon Lunch (dietary laws observed)

**Bereshit 2: Stories of the First Jewish Family** (Melton Scholar Series)

The stories take us from Creation through the Foundational stories of Abraham and Sarah. The themes of family and faith, honor, passion and power provide a rich exploration of our foundations with Rabbi Ze'ev Smason at Nusach Hari B'nai Zion. Tuesdays 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.; 20 Sessions beginning October 5; TCP credit: Bible & Commentaries 10 credits.

**Felicia Graber's Schedule of Classes:**

**The Holocaust as Reflected in Dairies and Memoirs**

(Melton Scholar Series) A literary journey that brings remarkable first person accounts as insight into the struggle for life as writers describe day-to-day life coping in the ghettos, imprisoned in the death camps, hiding on the run, and fighting for their lives with Felicia Graber at Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Congregation. Register through CAJE: Contact Cyndee Levy clevy@cajestl.org, or call 314-442-3754 (office), 314-503-2899 (cell).. Scholarships are available.

Thursdays 10:30 - Noon  
10 sessions beginning October 7  
Fee: \$175; Book Fee: \$36  
TCP: 7.5 credits in Jewish History

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for EACH EVENT!!**

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**SIMCHAS TORAH  
Spaghetti Dinner & Auction  
FREE TO ALL**

**Spaghetti ~ Sandie's Salad ~ Garlic Bread  
~ Candy Apples ~**

**Thursday Night, Sept. 30, between Hakafos**

**Simchas Torah Luncheon**

**SIMCHAS TORAH DAY ~ Friday, October 1**  
Services will conclude at 12:30 p.m.

Join us for Kiddush, free to all as usual . . .

then enjoy a wonderful lunch of  
**Dee-licious Stuffed Cabbage  
& Hot Dogs for Kids**

**Baba's To-Die-For Killer Potatoes  
Cole Slaw Green Bean Salad  
Dessert & Beverages**

**Adults: \$10.00 Kids: 6-10: \$5.00  
Kids 5 & Under: FREE**

**MAZEL TOV ON SIMCHAS THE WEEK OF  
September 25th - October 1st!**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

<b>Andy Abrams</b>	<b>Lewis Schucart</b>
<b>Ruth Alper</b>	<b>Sandy Segall</b>
<b>Don Meiman</b>	<b>Rochel Zakroff</b>
<b>Emma Mufson</b>	<b>Asher Zarkowsky</b>
<b>Esther Ringermacher</b>	

**Happy Anniversary  
Vitaly & Alla Gipkhin**

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Sisterhood: Call Phyllis Silverman, 314-434-2482  
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