

# Good Shabbos to Everyone

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion  
Shabbos, July 10, 2010

Bruchim Habayim  
28 Tammuz 5770



Welcome to our Synaplex Shabbat!!  
Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary to Everyone!!!

**MAZEL TOV** to our friends celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries in the month of July! Our celebrants invite everyone to Kiddush & Lunch following services this morning. Thanks to Esther Kalina for sponsoring the cake and to Bertha Berman for sponsoring the pies, for dessert today, in honor of all the July birthdays & wedding anniversaries! Thanks for sponsoring soda today ~ our **"POP"-STAR** of the week ~ **Jeff Osheroff** in honor of his parents, **Lou & Shirley Osheroff for their wedding anniversary!!** Please be seated and remain seated until Rabbi Smason has made Kiddush, after which we will wash and wait for Rabbi Smason to make HaMotzi before eating. PLEASE REMAIN SEATED AND SILENT while Rabbi Smason makes Kiddush & HaMotzi. If you would like to sponsor or enhance a Kiddush, sponsor Soda or Shalosh Seudos, or add something special, please call 314-991-2100, ext. 2, to make arrangements. Your contribution will help our Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Kiddush & Shalosh Seudos Funds.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY & HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO EVERYONE!!!**

SYNAPLEX SESSIONS WILL BEGIN AT 11:00 a.m. PLEASE JOIN US!!!

## ☆ Davening ~ Parshas Matos-Masei

Sedra: *Mattos:Bemidbar 30:2-32:42*; pages 900-917. Sedra: *Masei:Bemidbar 33:1-36:13*; pages 918-935.

Haftorah: *Masei:Jeremiah 2:4-28, 4:1&2*; pages 1193 & 1194.

☆ **Thank You For Leading Davening:** *Pesukei D'Zimra:* **Howard Sandler**; *Shacharis:* **Dr. Ethan Schuman**; *Leyning:* **Michael Shapiro**; *Haftorah:* **Fabian Attoun**; *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 **Sivva Smason**. 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 9:12 p.m.

### ☆ **Shacharis, Mincha and Maariv ~ Shabbos, July 10 through Friday, July 16:**

	Shabbos	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Shacharis	8:30	8:00	☆6:45	7:00	7:00	6:45	7:00
Mincha/Maariv	7:50	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00

☆Rosh Chodesh Av

☆ **ARI WEEKEND - Celebrating the Life of THE ARI - Kabbalat Shabbat in the Field** - Thanks to **Aryeh Needle** for leading davening last night at the site of our new home, 650 N. Price Road.

## ☆ NHBZ Shabbos Events

### ☆ SHABBOS FESTIVITIES, EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

☆ **SYNAPLEX SHABBAT TODAY!!!** Always interesting topics and dynamic speakers to nourish your mind this morning; then enjoy a wonderful Shabbos lunch in honor of our friends celebrating July Birthdays & Anniversaries. Services will begin at 8:30 a.m.; Learner's Service at 10:00 a.m.; Synaplex sessions at 11:00 a.m.

☆ **KABBALAT SHABBAT!!!** with **Aryeh Needle** on Friday night, August 13, 7:00 p.m.

☆ **Lunch & Learn** in honor of August Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries will be on Shabbos, August 14.

## ☆ NHBZ Dates to Remember

☆ **The Irvin Alper Social Club** Tomorrow - Sunday, July 11, 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.

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

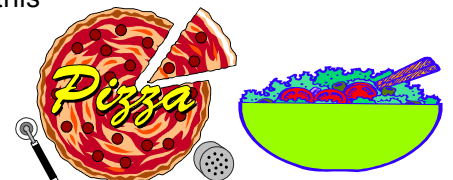
☆ **Nine Days Begin** This Monday, July 12.

☆ **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, this coming 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 on July 14, enjoy the pizza buffet, and then have their meeting!! Everyone is welcome!!

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



## ☆ NHBZ Dates to Remember

☆ **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 Kinot 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.

☆ **July Executive Committee Meeting - Change of Date** We have rescheduled the Executive Committee Meeting to Wednesday, July 28, in the Joe Rothman Auditorium following Minyan. Minyan at 7:00 p.m.; Meeting at 7:30.

☆ **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 still need more of you to sign up before we can begin our monthly drawings. Please call the office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2. or email to sandieabrams@hotmail.com.** Mazel Club entries are only \$10 per ticket. And thanks to everyone for your constant support of our shul!!!

☆ **Sisterhood's Mixed Company Day SPECIAL EVENT - "CHALLA TRADITIONS"** on Tuesday, August 17, at noon!!! **Margi Lenga 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 give your **furniture, books, lamps, household items and knick-knacks** in **good** condition, for Sisterhood's Rummage Sale in the Fall; plus your **gently used** clothes that are still nice enough to wear (no stains or damages please!) For drop-off times and questions about the rummage sale, please call Esther Gelb, 567-1683.

## ☆ 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 Lenga 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!!

☆ **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." Felicia weaves a tale that is at times painfully honest and revealing, and at others uplifting and triumphant. She is generously sharing her profits with NHBZ. Copies of "Amazing Journey" (\$15.00) are available in our office. To learn more about Felicia's book go to [www.feliciagraber.com](http://www.feliciagraber.com).

## ☆ In the Community

☆ **"Keep the Connection"** a powerful, moving film bears witness to the courageous struggle of Holocaust Survivors to maintain human dignity & deep abiding faith under the most horrific conditions of the death camps, ghettos, and concentration camps. The Holocaust Museum & Learning Center will screen the film at the J.Fed. Kopolow Building on Tisha B'Av, 2:00 p.m. the ninth of Av - Tuesday, July 20. **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](mailto:dreich@jfedstl.org).

☆ **The Bikur Cholim Visitors Network** is planning to have future speakers. If you are interested in learning more, please contact [stlbikurcholim@gmail.com](mailto:stlbikurcholim@gmail.com) or call Miriam Florans at 314-724-7444.

MAZEL TOV  
ON SIMCHAS THIS WEEK!  
Shabbos, July 10 to  
Friday, July 16, 2010!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Judy Glazer  
Esther Levine  
Ron Makovsky  
Naomi Shanker  
Anna Rose Tendler

Happy Anniversary  
Linda & Daniel Fleshman

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.** How far would you go to do a mitzvah? We can learn the definition of 'dedication' from Maurice Meyer. A radio station in Pretoria had a promotion offering a ticket to the World Cup final for the person who did something to really impress the station's judges. While some did things like get tattoos of support, Maurice Meyer, a 32-year-old South African businessman did what seemed enough to win: He swam across a crocodile and hippo-infested river. The river, the aptly named Crocodile River, is known for being crowded with crocodiles. Meyer and his wife (!) swam across the river while his brother stood by with a gun in case of trouble. The swim across took just 3 minutes, but the swim back, in which they were fighting the current, took about 15 minutes. Finally, Meyer and his wife were pulled in on a rope. But they made it. No crocs were seen during the swim, and no shots were fired. Word has it that Meyer is a finalist for the ticket, with the winner to be announced on Thursday. Thomas Edison said, "Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work." The only thing that ever sat its way to success was a hen. Few mitzvos require a swim across a crocodile-infested river. But with hard work and dedication, success in the observance of mitzvos — and in life — is yours for the taking.

**Parshas Matos — Masei Numbers 30:2 - 36:13** In the first of this week's two action-packed portions, Moses teaches the rules and restrictions governing oaths and vows. Promises are serious business. When we say that we plan to do something — even something as simple as, 'I'll call you later' — we're bound by our words. In anticipation of the upcoming entrance into the land of Israel, the tribes of Gad and Reuben petition Moses to remain on the eastern side of the Jordan River because that land is particularly suitable for grazing their cattle. Moses, not wanting to 'steer' Gad and Reuben wrong, grants their request on the condition that they first help the rest of the nation in conquering the entire land of Israel before returning to settle their inheritance. **Masei** (a word that means 'journeys') begins with a listing of the 42 encampments of the Jewish people's 40 year journey from the Exodus until the crossing of the Jordan River into the Land of Israel (No, 'Camp Grenada' is not on the list). The boundaries of the Land of Israel are defined. Since the Levites would not be receiving a regular portion of the land, 48 cities are set aside for them. Cities of refuge are established; one who unintentionally murders can flee there. So ends the book of Numbers, the fourth of the Books of the Torah. Next week - on to Deuteronomy!

## Rabbinic Ruminations

When American John Isner finally won the longest match in tennis history, he collapsed on the Wimbledon grass and then summoned one last burst of energy, springing to his feet to applaud along with the crowd. The first-round match, by far the longest in the sport's history in terms of games or time, took 11 hours, 5 minutes over three days. The match lasted so long it was suspended because of darkness - two nights in a row. Ultimately, Isner defeated Frenchman Nicolas Mahut 6-4, 3-6, 6-7 (7), 7-6 (3), 70-68. The longest tennis match in history provides us with a lesson in persistence for things that are truly important. Many years ago Rabbi Eizel wished to acquire a superior Torah scholar as a husband for his daughter. He went to a leading yeshiva (Torah academy) and gave a lecture in which he raised a difficult problem in a particular Talmudic subject. He stated that any student who could resolve the difficulty would be considered as a candidate to become his son-in-law. Various students proposed solutions to the problem, but he refuted all of them. When no one presented a satisfactory answer, R. Eizel left the yeshivah. As the coach was pulling away, R. Eizel heard a shout and saw that one of the students was calling to him. The student was breathless as he overtook him. "Did you find the answer to the problem?" R. Eizel asked. "No I did not. It doesn't concern me that I did not become a candidate to be your son-in-law. But I must know the answer to your problem. Please tell it to me." R. Eizel told the student the answer and said, "You are the only one I desire for my daughter. Of all the students, you are the only one who could not be at peace without knowing the answer." King Solomon said, "One who is righteous falls 7 times and rises again" (Proverbs 24:16). This idea means that the very process of falling and getting up again is what makes one righteous. Life is a journey. We all have struggles and sometimes fail; however, the persistence to continue on in the face of challenges and difficulties can be truly transformative.

## Quote of the Week

Constantly choosing the lesser of two evils is still choosing evil ~  
*Jerry Garcia* (lead singer & guitarist for the Grateful Dead)



## Joke of the Week



**OY VEY!**

The local news station was interviewing 84 year-old Bess Schwartz because she had just married for the 4th time. The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying at age 84, and then about her new husband's occupation. "**He's a funeral director,**" Bess answered. The newsman thought that was interesting, and then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first 3 husbands and what they did for a living. Bess paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly explaining that she first married a banker when she was in her early 20's, then a circus ringmaster when she was in her 40's, later on a rabbi when in her 60's, and now, a funeral director. The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers. "**Easy son,**" she smiled. "**I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go!**"

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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# WELCOME TO SYNAPLEX SHABBAT

## Two great options this morning!

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  
PIZZA  
PIZZA  
at NHBZ!!!**

~~CARRY OUT NIGHT~~  
**THIS 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**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 25!!**

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: \$6.00 Adults: \$10.00

## Mazel Tov

To our friends celebrating Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries in the month of July

Loren & *Ileana Abrams	Ed Lyss
Caryn Alper	Jane Lyss
Fran Alper	Ron Makovsky
Joanna Alper	Lou & Shirley Osheroff
Heath Berkin	Mark Ragin
Bertha Berman	Naomi Shanker
Frances Cohen	Frieda Smason
Dan & Linda Fleshman	David Stein
Harry Freistein	Saul Sudin
Larry Freistein	Dora Sulpovar
Moshe & Louise Givon	Efim Sulpovar
Judy Glazer	Dr. Herb Sunshine
Golda Gutman	Anna Rose Tendler
Katherine Hirsch	Sylvia Tessler
Eric & Jennifer Horn	Dr. Milton & Sally Tofle
Esther Kalina	Boris Yasinev
Esther Levine	Vivian Zarkowsky

\*Celebrating Birthday too!

## School Supplies!!

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	Colored Pencils
Filler paper, wide rule	Supply Boxes
Facial Tissues	Calculators
Crayons - ALL sizes	Markers & Highlighters:
5-inch Scissors	Assorted colors
Elmer's Glue	Crayola Washable
Glue Sticks	Markers
Medium Ink Pens:	Scotch Tape
Red, Black & Blue	Pencil Sharpeners
Index Cards, Boxes & Dividers: (3x5 & 4x6)	Spiral Notebooks
Hole Punches	Hebrew-English
Homework Assignment Pads	Dictionaries
Erasers	Zippered Pen/Pencil Pouches

**Deadline ~ August 12th!!**

Please bring your purchases to our office