

# Good Shabbos to Everyone

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Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion  
Shabbos, July 17, 2010

Bruchim Habayim  
6 Av 5770



## Welcome Home Dani!!!

☆ **Kiddush** ~ Everyone is invited to Kiddush in the Joe Rothman Auditorium following services this morning. Thanks to Leo Bressler for sponsoring a cake to say "Welcome Home" to his granddaughter, **Dana Szus**, who has just returned from Israel.

Thank You for sponsoring soda today ~ our "POP"-STAR of the week ~ **Miriam Kapeluszi!!!** 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.

☆ **Davening** ~ Devarim - Shabbos Chazon

**Sedra: Devarim: Devarim 1:1-3:22**; pages 938-957. **Haftorah: Shabbos Chazon: Isaiah 1:1-27**; pages 1195 & 1196.

☆ **Thank You For Leading Davening: Pesukei D'Zimra: Howard Sandler; Shacharis: Dr. Ethan Schuman; Leyning: Michael Shapiro; Haftorah: Michael Shapiro; 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 7:45 p.m. Shabbos will conclude at 9:09 p.m.

### ☆ **Shacharis, Mincha and Maariv ~ Shabbos, July 17 through Friday, July 23:**

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

☆Tisha B'Av

### ☆ **NHBZ Shabbos Events**


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

- ☆ **KABBALAT SHABBAT!!!** with **Aryeh Neddle** 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.
- ☆ **KABBALAT SHABBAT** with **Aryeh Neddle** on Friday night, September 3, 7:00 p.m.
- ☆ **FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBOS DINNER** following services on September 3rd.
- ☆ **SYNAPLEX SHABBAT** Always interesting topics and dynamic speakers to nourish your mind; then enjoy a wonderful Shabbos lunch in honor of our friends celebrating September Birth days & Wedding Anniversaries next Shabbos, Sept. 4. Services will begin at 8:30 a.m.; Learner's Service at 10:00 a.m.; Synaplex sessions at 11:00 a.m.

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

☆ **Tisha B'Av at NHBZ** ~ This Tuesday, July 20. 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.

☆ **GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY** Please join us for our **HISTORIC Ground Breaking Ceremony** to be held next Sunday, July 25, at 10:00 a.m. at our new location in Olivette - 650 N. Price Road - just north of Logos School at the corner of Price and Old Bonhomme. Parking will be available on the Logos parking lot with additional parking on the street.

☆ **Dine-In PIZZA NIGHT** The last Sunday of the month, July 25 

☆ **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.

☆ **The Irvin Alper Social Club** Tomorrow - Sunday, August 1, 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.

☆ **APPRECIATION DINNER** to say 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 - \$150 for first time donors and \$250 and up for yearly donations. This is just a friendly reminder and request that you send your special gift to our office. The Appreciation Dinner for Special Gift donors will be on Sunday, August 8th. Please make your reservations by calling 314-991-2100, ext. 5.

☆ **Shul Board of Directors Meeting** Tuesday, August 10. Minyan at 7:00 p.m.; Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Joe Rothman Auditorium.

## ☆ NHBZ Dates to Remember

☆ **Sisterhood's Mixed Company Day** SPECIAL EVENT - "CHALLA TRADITIONS" on Tuesday, August 17, at noon!!! **Margi Lengha 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.



☆ **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](mailto:sandieabrams@hotmail.com). Mazel Club entries are only \$10 per ticket. And thanks to everyone for your constant support of our shul!!!

☆ **Please Save Your Rummage.** Please give your furniture, books, lamps, household items and knick-knacks in good condition, for the Shul'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 7:15 p.m.**

☆ **Shabbos Study Groups** Each Shabbos one hour before Mincha. **This Shabbos at 6:45 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 Lengha 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).

☆ **Kashrus Alert** Please be advised that some JELL-O Strawberry Cheesecake Snacks Recently produced by Kraft Foods were incorrectly labeled with an OK-D. The OK does not certify this product due to the fact that it contains gelatin. If you have purchased this product and would like a refund from Kraft Foods please call the 800 number on the package.

## ☆ 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 Jewish Federation Kopolow Building on Tisha B'Av, 2:00 p.m, the ninth of Av - this 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 go to [stlbikurcholim@gmail.com](mailto:stlbikurcholim@gmail.com) or contact Miriam Florans by phone at 314-724-7444.

MAZEL TOV  
ON SIMCHAS THIS WEEK!  
Shabbos, July 17 to  
Friday, July 23, 2010!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!  
Larry Freistein  
Esther Kalina

Happy Anniversary  
None This Week

Show your friends you care ~ SEND A TRIBUTE!  
Shul: Call Gloria Waxman, 314-872-3296  
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# 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.** Arguing over money is an unfortunate but common occurrence in many families. Most of the time, though, the decision isn't decreed in a court of law. In a case that takes parent-child squabbles to a new level, Dana Soderberg sued her father to force him to fulfill their agreement to pay for her education at Southern Connecticut State University. Dana didn't file a lawsuit against her own father based on a mere promise, however — she had a legal document to back her up. The judge sided with the daughter, awarding her \$47,000. If a daughter successfully suing her father for nearly \$50,000 to recoup the cost of her college loans sounds unusual, Dana's attorney, Renee C. Berman, would be the first to agree. "Nothing that I've researched has shown any cases like this and hopefully there won't be any more, because it's a sad situation," Berman said. Many recognize that there are often special difficulties in dealing with family members. However, the effort to forge better relationships with relatives is worth the effort. The Talmud says, "One who seeks to draw closer to family members can call upon G-d, and He will answer you." The greatness of Aaron, brother of Moses, was that he 'loved peace and pursued it.' Improving relationships within our own families will draw us closer to the Almighty.

## Parshas Devarim Deuteronomy 1:1 - 3:11

This week we begin the fifth and final book of the Torah, Deuteronomy. This book is also called Mishne Torah, "Repetition of the Torah" - thus the Greek title 'Deuteronomy.' Its contents were spoken by Moses to the Jewish people during the final 5 weeks of his life as the people prepared to cross the Jordan River into the land of Israel. A central theme of Deuteronomy is Moses' review of the mitzvos, and his emphasis on the change of lifestyle the Jewish people were to undergo. The transition was to be made from a supernatural existence in the desert to a natural life to be experienced in the Land of Israel. The portion begins with Moses' veiled rebuke in which he makes reference to the many sins and rebellions of the past forty years. Moses spends significant time discussing the failed mission of the spies; ten of the twelve men sent to scout out the land returned with a bad report, resulting in the entire nation wandering in the desert for forty years. Moses later discusses the Children of Israel's conquest on the eastern bank of the Jordan River. This Torah portion concludes with words of encouragement for Moses' successor, Joshua.



## Rabbinic Ruminations



Do you remember the popular E.F. Hutton commercials based on the phrase, "When E.F. Hutton talks, people listen"? When financial guru Warren Buffett talks, people listen. Buffett, one of the most successful investors of our age, is consistently ranked among the world's wealthiest people, and is the third wealthiest person in the world. Known as the "Oracle of Omaha" or the "Sage of Omaha", Buffett is known for his wide-ranging views on economic, political and cultural issues. Buffett was recently asked what was the best advice he ever received. You might be as surprised as I was by his answer: It has nothing to do with money.

The "Oracle of Omaha" credited his father for teaching him how to live, and explained that all parents can make a "better human being" by offering their children unconditional love: ***The power of unconditional love... there is no power on earth like unconditional love. And I think that if you offered that to your child ... you're 90 percent of the way home. There may be days when you don't feel like it, it's not uncritical love, that's a different animal, but to know you can always come back, that is huge in life. That takes you a long, long way. And I would say that every parent out there that can extend that to their child at an early age, it's going to make for a better human being.*** Warren Buffett's thoughts on child raising are echoed in traditional Judaism. The Torah teaches that raising a child is like holding a bird in your hand. If you open your hand too loosely, the bird will fly away. If you close your hand too firmly, you run the risk of crushing the bird. So too, the best way to teach a child how to live means striking a balance between measured, appropriate discipline, and between love — with a generous and abundant emphasis on unconditional love.

## Quote of the Week

One of the gifts of the Jewish culture to Christianity is that it has taught Christians to think like Jews. Any modern man who has not learned to think as though he were a Jew can hardly be said to have learned to think at all. — *William Rees-Mogg, English Journalist*



## Joke of the Week

On Monday evening of this coming week (July 19) begins Tisha B'Av, the Jewish National Day of Mourning. Tisha B'Av is a full 24 hour fast, similar in that respect to Yom Kippur. Tisha B'Av is certainly the saddest day on the Jewish calendar, commemorating the multiple tragedies that occurred to the Jewish people throughout our long history. Remarkably, the destruction of the first and second Holy Temples took place on Tisha B'Av itself. Tisha B'Av is preceded by the sad and introspective period known as 'The 9 Days'. During these days we minimize joy and laughter to better focus on the meaning of this period of time. I have a great Joke of the Week to share with you .... but in deference to the solemnity of the 9 Days and Tisha B'Av, I'll save it for next week.

**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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## Tisha B'Av



- ✧ **Tisha B'Av** – The 9th of Av is this Tuesday, July 20. We will observe Tisha B'Av (the Fast of Av) from this Monday evening, July 19, at 8:22 p.m. through this Tuesday, July 20, at 9:04 p.m. Mincha services Monday evening, July 19, will be at 8:00 p.m. We will briefly review the laws of Tisha B'Av with Maariv immediately after, then followed by a recitation of Eicha, The Book of Lamentations, and Kinos. Services will conclude at about 9:00 p.m.
- ✧ **Tisha B'Av Morning** – Morning services on Tuesday, July 20, will begin at 8:00 a.m. Tallis & Tephillin are not worn at Shacharis. Selected Kinos will be recited. The film, **"She'aris Hapleita: Remember Them,"** will be shown.
- ✧ **Tisha B'Av Afternoon** – The film **'Keep the Connection'**, paying honor to the courageous struggle of Holocaust survivors, will be presented at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 20, at the Holocaust Museum and Learning Center Jewish Federation Kopolow Building. The screening of this film will be followed by a discussion led by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**.
- ✧ **Tisha B'Av Evening** – Mincha on Tuesday evening, July 20, will be at 7:50 p.m. We will wear tallis & tephillin. The Torah is read and Haftarah will be chanted. The fast concludes Tuesday night at 9:04 p.m. If you are in good health, it is a mitzvah to fast on Tisha B'Av.

## Nusach Hari B'nai Zion History in the Making and You'll Be There!



Please Join Us for  
Our Historic  
Ground Breaking Ceremony

Sunday, July 25, 2010  
10:00 a.m.

at our new location in Olivette  
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Parking available on the Logos parking  
lot plus additional street parking.



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**WELCOME HOME, DANI!!!**



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