

Good Shabbos to Everyone

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Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion
Shabbos, July 24, 2010

Bruchim Habayim
13 Av 5770



Ground-Breaking Tomorrow!!! Whoo Hoo!!!

☆ **Kiddush** ~ Everyone is invited to Kiddush in the Joe Rothman Auditorium following services this morning.

Thank You for sponsoring soda today ~ our **"POP"-STARS** of the week ~ **Harold & Fran Hoffman!!!** 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** ~ Parshas Va'eschanan

Sedra: Va'eschanan: Devorim 3:23-7:11; pages 959-979. Haftorah: Shabbas Nachamu: Isaiah 40:1-26; pages 1196 & 1197.

☆ **Thank You For Leading Davening:** Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**; Shacharis: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**; Leyning: **Michael Shapiro**; Haftorah: **Ron Makovsky**; 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 **Sivya Smason**. Boys Jr. Congregation will meet in the Auditorium with **Avrumi Smason**.

☆ **Mincha/Maariv:** We will daven Mincha today at 7:40 p.m. Shabbos will conclude at 9:04 p.m.

☆ Shacharis, Mincha and Maariv ~ Shabbos, July 24 through Friday, July 30:

	Shabbos	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Shacharis	9:00	8:00	6:45	7:00	7:00	6:45	7:00
Mincha/Maariv	7:40	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00

☆ **Shalosh Seudos** is being sponsored this evening by **Esther Levine** in memory of her beloved husband, **Ben Mayer, ר"ג**.

☆ NHBZ Shabbos Events

☆ SHABBOS FESTIVITIES, EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

- ☆ **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.
- ☆ **KABBALAT SHABBAT** with **Aryeh Needle** 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 Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries on 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

☆ **GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY** Please join us for our **HISTORIC Ground Breaking Ceremony** to be held **TOMORROW**, 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 on the Logos parking lot with additional parking on the street.

☆ **Dine-In PIZZA NIGHT** Tomorrow evening, Sunday, 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** 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.

☆ **Carry Out PIZZA NIGHT** Wednesday, August 11.

☆ NHBZ Coming Events & Dates to Remember

☆ **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.

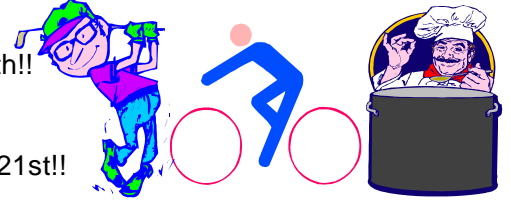


☆ **Mazel Club!!** We still need more of you to sign up before we can begin our monthly drawings. Please call the office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2. or email to sandieabrams@hotmail.com. Mazel Club entries are only \$10 per ticket. And thanks to everyone for your constant support of our shul!!!

☆ **1st Ever NHBZ GOLF TOURNAMENT** Monday, September 20th!!

☆ **2010 RABBI RIDE-AROUND** Sunday, October 10!!

☆ **6th Annual KOSHER CHILI COOKOFF** Sunday, November 21st!!



☆ **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 7:10 p.m.**

☆ **Shabbos Study Groups** Each Shabbos one hour before Mincha. **This Shabbos at 6:40 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.

☆ **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

☆ **Lunchtime Book Talk** Wednesday, August 11, 2010, 11:30 a.m. The Saul Brodsky Jewish Community Library's Summer Series will continue with a book talk and discussion presented by educator and book discussion leader Naomi Fishman, of All Other Nights, by Dara Horn, a Civil War spy page-turner which deals with an exploration of race and religion in 19th century America. The program will be held at the Jewish Federation Kopolow Building. Bring a sack lunch - coffee & dessert will be provided. Admission is \$7.00 per person; free to Friends of the Library. Reservations are required by August 10. For more information or to make a reservation, call 314-442-3720 or email Brodsky-library@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 or contact Miriam Florans by phone at 314-724-7444.

MAZEL TOV
ON SIMCHAS THIS WEEK!
Shabbos, July 24 to
Friday, July 30, 2010!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Bertha Berman

Happy Anniversary
Moshe & Louise Givon

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. If you can't trust the Oxford English Dictionary (OED), who can you trust? In print since 1860, the OED claims the title of the 'definitive record of the English language.' An Australian physicist, however, wasn't intimidated by the OED's lofty reputation. University of Queensland academic Dr. Stephen Hughes discovered a schoolboy error in the dictionary that stood uncorrected for almost a century. Entries for the word **siphon** incorrectly said that atmospheric pressure is the force that allows the device to move liquids from one place to another. Not so! It is gravity that pushes liquid through a siphon tube, not atmospheric pressure. Even I knew that — sort of. Dr. Hughes said, "An extensive check of online and offline dictionaries did not reveal a single dictionary that correctly referred to gravity being the operative force in a siphon." The intrepid Dr. Hughes emailed the OED's editors, who promptly acknowledged the error with a promise to revise the definition of **siphon** in the dictionary's next edition. Albert Einstein once said, "**The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing.**" The Jewish way is to respectfully challenge conventional wisdom, and to never be afraid of asking questions.

Parshas Va'eschanan Deuteronomy 3:23 - 7:11

Moses continues his final speech to the Children of Israel (the rabbis always talk about the 'Children of Israel' — where were all the adults?). He tells them how he entreated G-d to allow him to enter the land of Israel, but his request was denied. Moses was allowed, however, to **see** the Promised Land from the peak of Mount Pisgah. Moses appeals to the people to keep the Torah and its commandments, neither adding to or subtracting from its mitzvos. They are told to always remember the incredible Revelation they experienced at Mt. Sinai (the mountain, not the hospital) where every man, woman and child heard the presentation of the Ten Commandments. Moses repeats the Ten Commandments, with subtle differences between this version and the one found in the Book of Exodus. Did you ever wonder where the **Shema** comes from? It is found in this week's Torah portion. The **Shema** expresses our belief that G-d is one and states our commitment to love and serve Him. It exhorts us to transmit Torah to the next generation, and its laws should be remembered by a 'sign' upon ones hand and forehead (**tefillin**) and written on the doorposts of one's home (**mezuzah**). Finally, Moses encourages the people to trust in G-d and remain faithful to the Torah. Inter marriage is prohibited, and the source that Jewish identity is transmitted through the mother is stated.



Rabbinic Ruminations

Ladies: Were you born before 1979? You may already be over the hill, at least if you believe a new QVC poll. The poll says that a woman hits her confidence and beauty peak at age 31, according to the British National newspaper the **Daily Mail**. In the survey, 70% of the more than 2,000 men and women said that confidence ranked as the most important trait in making a woman attractive, followed by physical beauty (67%) and good style (47%). Don't worry, though. There's no need to go slip inside the cryo-chamber. There's nothing ordinary about a woman, no matter who she is or how old she is. What is it that makes a woman beautiful? Is it her smile, her physique, her elegance, or her sense of style? The Torah highlights the beauty of many women such as Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Esther. Physical beauty is not to be ignored, or hidden behind a burka. However, physical beauty alone obscures and diminishes a woman's essence. "Like a golden ring in the snout of a swine," says Proverbs, "is a beautiful woman who lacks good sense." In the famous Woman of Valor hymn, King Solomon writes, "Charm is false and beauty is futile; a G-d revering woman—she is to be praised." Beauty is futile when it is only a veneer, or a sole focus. But if a woman lives her life with spiritual purpose and reveres G-d, then she, together with her physical beauty and charm, is to be praised as a truly beautiful woman.

Quote of the Week

I don't deserve this award, but I have arthritis, and I don't deserve that either — *Jack Benny*
(born Benny Kubelsky)



Joke of the Week



OY VEY!

Yankel came home from day camp without his towel. "**Where is your towel?**" asked his mother. "I don't know," he sighed. "I couldn't find it after swimming. Maybe someone took it." Mrs. Greenberg was irate. "**Who could have taken your towel? It was a great towel! Yankel, you would never take someone else's towel. You know I raised you differently than that, right?**" A few moments later, she was on the phone with the day camp director. "**Hello. This is Mrs. Greenberg. There is a young thief in your camp.**" "How so?" "**My son had a towel stolen from camp! He brought it with him today, but couldn't find it to bring home.**" "Please calm down, Mrs. Greenberg," came the voice on the line. "I'm sure that no one stole your son's towel. Can you describe it to me?" "**Sure I can! It was white and big. You couldn't miss it. And printed on the front, in big green letters, were the words. 'Holiday Inn!'**"

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 or adarabba@hotmail.com. Care to know more about Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Congregation? Check us out at 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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Nusach Hari B'nai Zion History in the Making and You'll Be There!



Please Join Us for
Our Historic
Ground Breaking Ceremony

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

at our new location in Olivette
650 N. Price Road
at the corner of Price at Old Bonhomme

Parking on the Logos parking lot plus additional street parking.



**PIZZA
PIZZA
PIZZA
at NHBZ!!!**

Lion's Den **DINE-IN** Pizza Night
TOMORROW ~ 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

**CARRY OUT NIGHT:
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11!!**

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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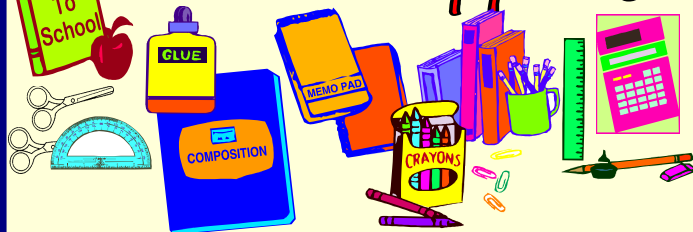
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School Supplies!!



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
- Filler paper, wide rule
- Facial Tissues
- Crayons - ALL sizes
- 5-inch Scissors
- Elmer's Glue
- Glue Sticks
- Medium Ink Pens:
Red, Black & Blue
- Index Cards, Boxes &
Dividers: (3x5 & 4x6)
- Hole Punches
- Homework Assignment Pads
- Erasers

- Colored Pencils
- Supply Boxes
- Calculators
- Markers &
Highlighters:
Assorted colors
- Crayola Washable
Markers
- Scotch Tape
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Spiral Notebooks
- Hebrew-English
Dictionaries
- Zippered Pen/Pencil
Pouches



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Thank you for helping the kids!!

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Victor & Anna Rose Tendler
Jack Tepper

Your name would look great here!!

Deadline ~ August 12th!!

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