

Good Shabbos to Everyone

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Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion
Shabbos, July 31, 2010

Bruchim Habayim
20 Av 5770



Special Times Ahead!

★ **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 Ekev*

Sedra: *Ekev: Devorim 7:12-11:25*; pages 980-997. **Haftorah: Isaiah 49:14-51:3**; pages 1197 & 1199.

★ **Thank You For Leading Davening:** **Pesukei D'Zimra: Howard Sandler**; **Shacharis: Dr. Ethan Schuman**; **Leyning: Michael Shapiro**; **Haftorah: Jack Lyss**; **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 7:35 p.m. Shabbos will conclude at 8:58 p.m.

★ **Shacharis, Mincha and Maariv ~ Shabbos, July 31 through Friday, August 7:**

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

★ **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**. Thanks to **Larry & Shirley Hollander** for sponsoring dessert in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary! Rabbi Smason will speak on the topic **"JEWS in COMEDY!!"**

★ **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.

★ **GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY** Our **Historic Ground-Breaking Ceremony was FABULOUS.**

An estimated 100 people attended to hear the impressive speeches by **Menachem Szus**, Relocation Chairman, **Bob Kaiser**, Shul President, and **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**, and to see the official ground breaking for our new home at 650 N. Price Road. Lots of smiles, lots of cheers, a bissel heat and, with gratitude and thanks to HaShem, no rain!! It is a gross understatement to say that a GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!!!

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

★ **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.

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

★ **August Executive Committee Meeting** - Tuesday, August 24, in the Joe Rothman Auditorium following Minyan. Minyan at 7:00 p.m.; Meeting at 7:30.



☆ NHBZ Coming Events & Dates to Remember

☆ **Dine-In PIZZA NIGHT** Sunday, August 29.



☆ **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.

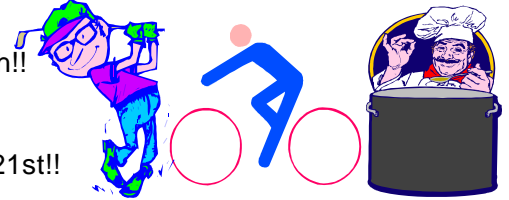


☆ **Mazel Club!!** We still need more of you to sign up before we can begin our monthly drawings. Please call the office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2. or email to sandieabrams@hotmail.com. Mazel Club entries are only \$10 per ticket. And thanks to everyone for your constant support of our shull!!!

☆ **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 7:05 p.m.**

☆ **Shabbos Study Groups** Each Shabbos one hour before Mincha. **This Shabbos at 6:35 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 This 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 This 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.

☆ 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 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; free to Friends of the Library. Reservations are required by August 10. For details & RSVP 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.

☆ **NHBZ Chesed Fund ~** Partner up to visit people needing some TLC!! It's easier when there are two of you sharing the mitzvah. Thanks and Yasher Koach to our TLC Teams and individuals: **Ruth Alper, Jackie Berkin & Sally Needle, Bertha Berman & Phyllis Silverman, and Moshe Pinto!** Join the TLC Team - and call **Phyllis Silverman**, 314-434-2482; for people who need our TLC in hospitals and nursing homes. Want to make a donation? Please send checks to our office, or charge to your credit card -- 314-991-2100, ext. 2.

MAZEL TOV
ON SIMCHAS THIS WEEK!
Shabbos, July 30,
To Friday, August 6!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Larry Abrams
Vic Grossman
Julie Eisenberg
Sally Needle

Happy Anniversary
Al & Ruth Katz

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

Thanks to Rhonnie & Stan Goldfader for sponsoring 'Beyond Twelve Gates' this week!!!

'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. What can \$14,750 buy you in modern China? Not a Tiffany diamond or a mini-sedan, say Robert Zhou and Daisy Chao. But for that price, they guarantee you something more lasting, with unquestioned future benefits: a U.S. passport and citizenship for your new baby. Zhou and Chao, a husband and wife from Taiwan who now live in Shanghai, run one of China's oldest and most successful consultancies helping well-heeled expectant Chinese mothers travel to the United States to give birth. American law says anyone born on U.S. soil has the right to citizenship. The proliferation of U.S. baby services shows that for many Chinese, a U.S. passport remains a powerful lure. The reasons they want American passports for their babies are varied, but most come down to two key factors — education and setting. As a U.S. citizen, a child has access to free public education from primary school through high school. Additionally, a full education in the United States can be much cheaper than at top Chinese private schools and universities. To quote a Chinese proverb, "When eating bamboo sprouts, remember the one who planted them." Some born in the United States may take citizenship for granted. But if through the blessing of Divine Providence one is a U.S. citizen, we should have an "attitude of gratitude." Let us thank G-d for our multiple blessings — including that as free citizens in a land of opportunity.

Parshas Eikev — Deuteronomy 7:12 - 11:25

Moses continues to encourage the Children of Israel to trust in G-d and in the prosperity and health which will follow if they keep the Torah. If they are careful to observe even those 'minor' mitzvos that are usually 'trampled' underfoot, he promises that they will be the most blessed of the nations of the Earth. Moses reminds them of their numerous transgressions in the desert, including the mystifying sin of the Golden Calf. Moses describes the bountiful Land of Israel filled with wheat, barley, grapes, figs and pomegranates, a land of oil-yielding olives and date-honey. He teaches the people the second paragraph of the **Shema** which stresses the fundamental doctrine of reward for keeping the mitzvos and the consequences of non-compliance. All that G-d requires of us, Moses says, is to love G-d, revere Him, and to observe His Torah. Easier said than done! Parshas Eikev concludes with the promise that G-d will provide the Jewish people with protection if they observe the laws of the Torah. Many are familiar with the famous phrase (found in this week's portion), "Man does not live by bread alone." But do you know what the second half of the verse states? It says, "... but by all that comes from the mouth of G-d." This important idea teaches that physical nourishment and external pleasures aren't sufficient for a satisfied life. Every human being has spiritual needs that must also be met.



Rabbinic Ruminations

Do you treasure every moment? The importance of appreciating the moment is reflected in a verse from Proverbs (17:24) "**Wisdom lies before an understanding person, but a fool's eyes are directed to the ends of the earth.**" Could there be a growing realization even today that life is more than a series of transactions—even from a credit card brand? A recent Australian MasterCard campaign reflects an attitude fostered by the global economic downturn: a turn away from compulsive consumption and a focus on appreciating the value of "the moment," and specifically the time that goes into making that moment special. A 30-second commercial shows how a small rock is formed over eons, from its origins in a volcano to being skipped over water by a dad and his son. Says the voiceover: "Not knowing how much goes into a moment? Priceless." It's been said that we don't know the true value of a moment until it becomes a memory. The value of a moment was poignantly described in the book **Real Moments** by a 70 year old patient in an Intensive Care Unit: **First I was dying to finish high school, then I was dying to finish college and start working. And then I was dying to marry and have children. Then I was dying for my children to grow old enough for school so I could return to work. Then I was dying to retire. And now, I am dying ...and suddenly, I realize I forgot to live.** To return to the verse from Proverbs; A fool concentrates on the end and goal ('to the ends of the earth'), whereas the wise person thinks of the here and now, enjoying the process and the moment ('**wisdom lies before an understanding person**'). Every penny counts. So does every moment.

Quote of the Week

In my house, I'm the boss. My wife is just the decision maker —
Woody Allen, born Allan Stewart Konigsberg



Joke of the Week



OY VEY!

Tony decides to join a monastic order that requires him to spend the first 20 years of training in complete silence. The head monk tells him that he is only allowed to say two words every three years. After 3 years of keeping his vow Tony is summoned before the head monk and asked if he has anything to say, in two words or less. He says, "Food stinks." "Well, thank you for your input," says the head monk. "We always like to know what's on the mind of our novices." Three more years go by, and Tony is again summoned before the head monk. "Well, do you have anything to say now?," he is asked. "Bed hard," is Tony's answer. "Well, thank you for your response. It's good to know what our novices are thinking." After three more years the head monk finds Tony and asks him if he has anything to say. "I quit!" he says. "Well, I'm not surprised," says the head monk. "You've done nothing but complain since you got here!"

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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Big Shabbos Do'n's! Exciting Coming Events

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★ **Kabbalat-Shabbat & Friday night Shabbos Dinner**
Another spectacular Friday night with Aryeh Needle to delight you ~

7:00 p.m. ~ **Sept. 3rd!!** After services, extend your Shabbos pleasure with a delicious, full-course dinner!

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PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA at NHBZ!!!

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

HOT PIZZA WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU TO PICK UP!! OR ORDER AN UN-COOKED PIZZA TO FREEZE AT HOME!!

Plain Cheese Pizza ~ \$12.00 Toppings ~ \$.75 each
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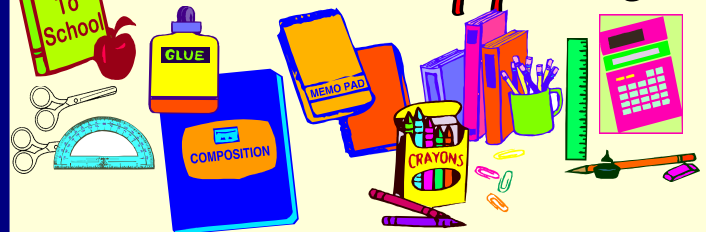


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Deadline ~ August 12th!!

Please bring your purchases to our office