

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion  
Shabbos, August 7, 2010

# Good Shabbos to Everyone

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Bruchim Habayim  
27 Av 5770



## Appreciation Dinner Tomorrow!

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

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 Re'eh*

*Sedra: Re'eh: Devorim 11:26-16:17*; pages 998-1023. *Haftorah: Isaiah 54:11-55:5*; page 1199.

★ **Thank You For Leading Davening:** Pesukei D'Zimra: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**; Shacharis: **Ron Makovsky**; Leyning: **Michael Shapiro**; Haftorah: **Lenny Alper**; Musaf: **Menachem Szus**.

★ **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 7:30 p.m. Shabbos will conclude at 8:50 p.m.

### ★ **Shacharis, Mincha and Maariv ~ Shabbos, August 7 through Friday, August 13:**

	Shabbos	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Shacharis	9:00	8:00	6:45	★6:45	★6:45	6:45	7:00
Mincha/Maariv	7:30	7:00	7:00	★7:00	★7:00	7:00	7:00

★Rosh Chodesh Elul

### ★ **NHBZ Shabbos Events**

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

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

★ **LUNCH & LEARN** in honor of August Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries will be **next 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!!"**

★ **Shalosh Seudos** will be sponsored next Shabbos, August 14, by **Sarah Klein** in memory of her beloved grandparents, **Rabbi Mordecai Yosef & Fraydel Boime** and **Zev & Sarah Griner**.

★ **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**

★ **APPRECIATION DINNER** for Special Gift donors will be tomorrow, Sunday, August 8th.

★ **Rosh Chodesh Elul** - Tuesday & Wednesday, August 10 & 11.

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

★ **Carry Out PIZZA NIGHT** This Wednesday, August 11. Please place orders by noon on that date.

★ **William on Vacation** - William will be on vacation beginning Sunday, August 15, and will return to NHBZ on Thursday, August 26.

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

★ **The Irvin Alper Social Club** Sunday, September 5, 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.

★ **SELICHOS** - Saturday night/Sunday, September 4th: 12:30 a.m.; Sunday & Monday, Sept. 5 & 6: 8:00 a.m.; Tuesday, Sept. 7: 6:30 a.m.; Wednesday, Sept. 8: 6:15 a.m.

★ **HIGH HOLIDAYS** - Rosh Hashana: Wednesday night, Thursday & Friday, September 8/9/10; Fast of Gedaliah, Sunday, Sept. 12; Yom Kippur - Kol Nidre night: Friday, Sept. 17 (Mincha at 1:30 p.m./Kol Nidre at 6:45 p.m.) Yom Kippur Day: Shabbos, Sept. 18; Sukkos: Wednesday night, Thurs. & Fri., Sept. 22/23/24; Hoshana Raba: Wednesday, Sept. 29; Shemini Atzeres: Thurs. Sept. 30; Simchas Torah: Friday, October 1st.



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



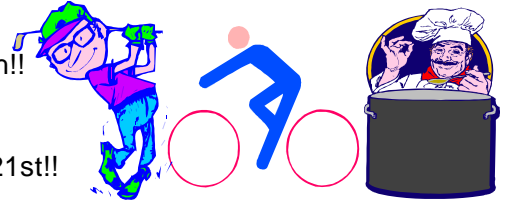
☆ **Sisterhood's Mixed Company Day SPECIAL EVENT - "CHALLA TRADITIONS"** on Tuesday, August 17, at noon!!! **Margi Lengha Kahn**, the Jewish Light Columnist and Culinary Educator, will give a challa-baking demonstration. You can **WATCH - LEARN - EAT** the freshly baked challas, and enjoy a nice summer 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](mailto: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!!



☆ **Multi-Family Sale!!** Please give your **furniture, books, lamps, household items and knick-knacks** in **good** condition, for the Shul's Multi-Family Sale in the Fall; **gently used** clothes that are still nice enough to wear (very clean, no stains or damages please!) For drop-off times and questions about 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 7:00 p.m.**

☆ **Shabbos Study Groups** Each Shabbos one hour before Mincha. **This Shabbos at 6:30 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 ~**

☆ **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, September 2nd, 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!!

☆ **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!!!

☆ **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

☆ **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](mailto: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](mailto: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, August 7,  
To Friday, August 13!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!  
Henrietta Fredman  
Alan Gelb  
Sidney Kleg  
Dena Sudin Schupper

Happy Anniversary  
Bert & Tzipporah Zakroff

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

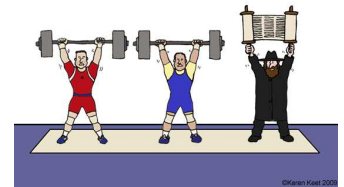
'Beyond Twelve Gates' refers to a beautiful concept taught by the great mystic *Rabbi Isaac Luria* (1534-1572), also known as 'The Ari'. There exist twelve gates of prayers in Heaven — one for each tribe of Israel. Additionally, there exists a Heavenly thirteenth gate. Through this gate the prayers of 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.** A famous long-time editor of a popular American magazine once shouted to his employees, **"It's coming in the doors!"** Everyone stopped what they were doing and looked at their boss. **"It's up to the bottom of the desk! It's up to the seats of our chairs."** "What are you talking about?" asked one of his confused colleagues. **"It's all around us. Now, it's to the top of our desks,"** shouted the editor as he jumped to the top of his desk. "What do you mean?" inquired the newsroom staff. **"Mediocrity. We're drowning in mediocrity!"** the editor shouted as he jumped from his desk and exited, never to return. Overly critical? Possibly. Eccentric? Probably. Is there a message? Definitely! Legendary football coach Vince Lombardi said, "the quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to one's commitment to excellence, regardless of their field of endeavor." Jewish tradition teaches that each of us, according to our capabilities, efforts and talents, has the ability in our own life to become great. Excellence is never an accident. It represents the wise choice of many alternatives.

## Parshas Re'eh Deuteronomy 11:26 - 16:17

Moses informs the Jewish people that we each face a choice; choose to observe G-d's directions for living (i.e. the Torah) and receive blessings, or choose to ignore G-d and experience estrangement and its consequences. Moses then turns to describing a number of religious, civil and social laws relevant once the Jewish people enter the Promised Land. Included in this listing are:

- Don't imitate the ways of the nations surrounding you
- A false prophet who attempts to entice you to idolatry should be put to death
- Since the Torah is complete and perfect, nothing may be added to or subtracted from it
- Self infliction of wounds on the body as a sign of mourning is prohibited
- As a holy people, refrain from eating 'non-kosher' food
- Be particularly warm-hearted and charitable. Many laws and guidelines concerning **tzedakah** (righteous giving) are found in this week's portion
- The three pilgrimage festivals (Passover, Shavous and Sukkos) are opportunities to ascend (make aliyah) to Jerusalem and the Temple to celebrate our blessings

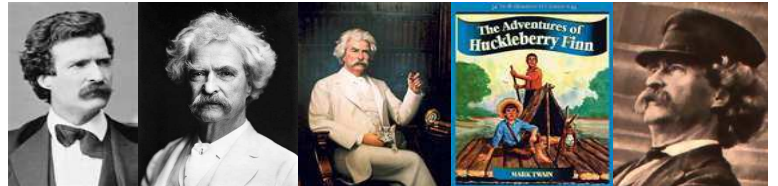


## Rabbinic Ruminations

If you asked Roger Woodward if he ever experienced a miracle, his answer would be an enthusiastic 'YES!' Fifty years ago, this past July, a 7-year-old Roger Woodward earned bragging rights as one of the few people to survive a plunge over Niagara Falls. On the 50th anniversary of his 162-foot drop, Woodward recalled memories of the life-changing event. "The water looked as big as a house with the waves and the rocks," he said. "One minute you're pulled underwater, you can't breathe, you wonder if you're ever going to breathe again. The next second you're thrown up into the air and you come down and you're glancing off of rocks as you're going through the rapids." He said there was a peaceful moment, though — while he was going over the brink of the Falls. "I was floating in a cloud," he said. "I had no sensation of up or down. I didn't have any sensation in my stomach like you might have on a roller coaster ... that moment when your stomach is in your throat." Woodward and his older sister, Deanne, were rescued from the Niagara River after being tossed from a family friend's boat on July 9, 1960. Tourists pulled Deanne to shore just before the brink, but Roger was swept over the Horseshoe Falls. Until 2003, Woodward was the only person known to have survived an unprotected plunge over Niagara Falls. **Have you ever experienced a miracle?** While few can claim to have survived a drop over Niagara Falls, the Jewish outlook is that our lives are filled with 'small miracles' that regularly occur. In our daily prayers we thank G-d for, "Your miracles which are with us daily, and for Your continual wonders and kindnesses." Our rabbis teach that **everything** is a miracle; it is only through becoming accustomed to life and nature that we no longer see the small and hidden miracles that surround us. Whether it be a unique 'coincidence' that attracts our attention, the birth of a child, or each breath we take, our lives are surrounded by miracles. G-d is certainly with us and speaks with us. We need only to open our eyes and see.

## Quote of the Week ~ Mark Twain

Don't complain and talk about all your problems — 80 percent of people don't care; the other 20 percent will think you deserve them!



## Joke of the Week

A Speech at the U.N. An ingenious example of speech and politics occurred recently in the United Nations General Assembly which made the world community smile. A representative from Israel began: "Before beginning my talk I want to tell you something about Moses. When he struck the rock and it brought forth water, he thought, 'What a good opportunity to have a bath! Moses removed his clothes, put them aside on the rock and entered the water. When he got out and wanted to dress, his clothes had vanished. A Palestinian had stolen them.' The Palestinian representative jumped up furiously and shouted, "What are you talking about? The Palestinians weren't there then!" The Israeli representative smiled and said, "And now that you have made my point, I will begin my speech." (Thanks to Margie Peary for the joke.)

**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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- ★ **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:  
THIS 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  
EXTRA-CHEESE MUSHROOMS ONIONS TOMATOES BASIL  
GREEN PEPPERS SLICED OLIVES PINEAPPLE  
PLACE YOUR ORDER ~ 314-991-2100, ext. 2  
Deadline to Order: 12:00 noon on AUGUST 11

**NEXT DINE-IN NIGHT ~ SUNDAY, AUGUST 29**

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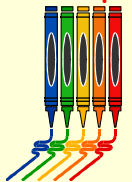
## School Supplies!!



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



**Deadline ~ August 12th!!**

We still need to add to our collection. The deadline is approaching quickly! Please shop ASAP & bring your purchases to our office.

Thank you for helping the kids!!



Lenny & Fran Alper  
Ruth Alper  
Bertha Berman  
Larry & Rayna Chervitz  
Esther Gelb  
Bob, Joni, Hannah & Rebecca Kaiser  
Natalie Klamen  
Sarah Klein  
Morris & Estelle Kram  
Menachem & Linda Szus  
Victor & Anna Rose Tendler  
Jack Tepper

Your name would look great here!!