

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

Good Shabbos to Everyone!

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Bruchim Habayim
3 Iyar 5770



Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary to Everyone!!

MAZEL TOV to our friends celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries in the month of April! Our celebrants invite everyone to Kiddush & Lunch following services this morning. Our lunch today is in honor of **Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day)** Thanks to **Phyllis Silverman** for sponsoring some special desserts in honor of her husband - **Sid's birthday!!!** And thanks to **Gloria Waxman and Family** for sponsoring Root Beer Floats in honor of husband, father & grandfather - **Charles Waxman's birthday!!!** Thanks for sponsoring soda today ~ our **"POP"-STARS** of the week ~ **Bob & Sandie Abrams** in honor of their son - **Loren's birthday!!!** 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!!!

☆ **Please Join Us** for our Shabbos of Learning program after lunch. Our speaker today will be our own **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**, who will speak on the topic: "Should a Jew Drive a German-made Car"?

☆ **Davening ~ Parshas Tazria ~ Metzora**

Sedras: **Tazria: Vayikra 12:1-13:59**; pages 608-618. **Metzora: Vayikra 14:1-15:33**; pages 620-634.
Maftir: **Numbers 28:9-15**; page 890. **Haftorah: 2 Kings 7:3-20**; pages 1172-1173.

☆ **Thank You For Leading Davening: Pesukei D'Zimra: Howard Sandler; Shacharis: Dr. Ethan Schuman; Leyning: Michael Shapiro; Haftorah: Rabbi Ze'ev Smason; 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:** We will daven Mincha today at 7:05 p.m. Shabbos will conclude at 8:24 p.m.

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

All Minyanim will be held in the Chapel in the main building, until further notice.

	Shabbos	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Shacharis	9:00	8:00	☆6:45	☆☆7:00	7:00	6:45	7:00
Mincha/Maariv	7:05	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00

☆Yom Ha'Zikaron ☆☆Yom Ha'Atzmaut

☆ **Thanks to Aryeh Needle** for the wonderful, freilich services last night!!

☆ **Yizkor Recited for Your Loved Ones** ~ Nusach Hari B'nai Zion will greatly appreciate your contributions for Yizkor recited for your loved ones on the last day of Pesach. Please send your checks or, to make a donation on your credit card, please call the office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

☆ **NHBZ Shabbos Events & Dates to Remember**

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

☆ Kiddush will be sponsored by Nusach Hari B'nai Zion on Shabbos, May 1, in honor of the wonderful women of our NHBZ Sisterhood.

☆ A Yom Yerushalayim Kiddush & Lunch will be sponsored by Nusach Hari B'nai Zion on Shabbos, May 8, in honor of the **100th Birthday of Mr. H.H. Bremler**. Thanks to everyone celebrating with Mr. Bremler by participating with contributions to his birthday luncheon ~ Thanks to Mr. Bremler's family, including **Todd & Sarah Rush** and **Yerucham & Shelley List**, to our NHBZ Sisterhood and **Bob & Sandie Abrams**.

☆ **Ari-Kabbalat-Shabbat & Friday night Shabbat Dinner** May 14.

☆ **SYNAPLEX SHABBAT** Lunch in honor of May Birthdays & Anniversaries - Shabbos, May 22.

☆ Kiddush will be sponsored by **Bobby & Sheryl Levine** and **Ephraim & Michelle Mufson** on Shabbos, June 5th, to welcome **Joey Mufson** and **Nina Levine** home from the year they spent in Israel.

☆ **Shul Board of Directors Meeting** Tuesday, May 11. Mincha: 7:00 p.m.; Meeting: 7:30 p.m. - both in the main building.

☆ **Home Study Groups** Coming up tomorrow - Sunday, April 18, at the home of **Alan & Janet Haber**, and on Sunday, May 16, at the home of **Drs. Susan Feigenbaum & Jay Pepose**.

☆ **Yom Ha'Zikaron** Israel Memorial Day this Monday, April 19, and

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Israel Independence Day on Tuesday, April 20.

☆ **Yom Ha'Zikaron & Yom Ha'Atzmaut Community Commemoration** this Monday, April 19, 7:00 p.m., at Young Israel; co-sponsored by Bais Abraham, B'nei Akiva of St. Louis, NCSY, Nusach Hari B'nai Zion, Torah MiTzion Kollel and Young Israel.



☆ NHBZ Shabbos Events & Dates to Remember

☆ **Dine-In PIZZA NIGHT** Sunday, April 25.

☆ **Executive Committee Meeting** Tuesday, April 27. Mincha: 7:00 p.m.; Meeting: 7:30 p.m., both in the Main Building.

☆ **Lag B'Omer Pancake Breakfast** Sun., May 2, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Chocolate Chip, Blueberry & Plain Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Robin's yummy potatoes, Fruit, and Smoothies!! We are looking for sponsors to help make this event super successful. Thanks to **David & Heidi Smason** for their very generous donation.



☆ **Sisterhood's Mother's Day Luncheon** Tuesday, May 11, 12:00 noon. A delicious luncheon will be served and you'll enjoy the program that will give you a MAJOR BLAST FROM THE PAST when you see and hear the familiar strains of **Yoo-Hoo, Mrs. Gold-berg!!!** Gertrude Berg as Molly Goldberg at her best! Gertrude Berg (1899-1966), was a pioneer of classic American radio, one of the first if not the first of her gender to create, write, produce, **and** star in a long-running hit, when she premiered **The Rise of the Goldbergs**—known later and better as simply **The Goldbergs**—in 1929. Berg was born and died in New York City. She learned theater in college while simultaneously producing skits for her father's Catskills Mountains resort. It was one of those skits, portraying a semi-autobiographical Jewish family in the New York tenements, that Berg soon developed into a fifteen-minute radio program. **The Goldbergs** became so popular—its plots and scenarios touching a chord with Americans of all stripe who identified with the situations even if they weren't urban lower-middle-class Jews trying to assimilate into the new world—that the show's characters received fan mail as often as the actors who played them did. Berg became inextricably identified as Molly Goldberg, the bighearted matriarch of her fictitious New York family who moved to Connecticut as symbolic of Jewish-American upward mobility. She wrote practically all the show's five thousand plus radio episodes plus a Broadway adaptation, **Me and Molly**, in 1948. It took considerable convincing, but Berg finally prevailed upon CBS to let her bring **The Goldbergs** to television in 1949, where it stayed in first-run production for five years. Berg herself won an Emmy award as Molly in 1949.

☆ **CARRY-OUT PIZZA NIGHT** Wednesday, May 12. Place your orders by 12:00 noon that day.

☆ **Shavuot Dinner & Early Bird Learning** Our 4th annual event on Tuesday night, May 18. Buffet Menu: Jackie's French Onion Soup, Teriyaki Salmon, Salad Bar, Pasta Bar, Green Beans w/French's Crispy Onions, Cheese-cake, Strawberries and Sugar-Free Pies!!! Davening at 7:45 p.m.; Dinner at 8:15 p.m. followed by Early-Bird Learning classes at 9:45 p.m. Members: \$12.00; Non-members & Walk-ins: \$18.00. RSVP, 314-991-2100, ext. 2.

☆ 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 6:35 p.m.**

☆ **Shabbos Study Groups** Each Shabbos at 6:00 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.

☆ **Basic Jewish Texts & Ideas You May Have Missed** CAJE's Florence Melton Adult Mini School at Bais Abraham. Structured, 2-year, in-depth class: learn the basics of Jewish history, ethics, beliefs & holidays; text-based course taught on Wednesday nights, 7:30-9:30 p.m. by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**. Contact Cyndee Levy at 442-3754 or clevy@cajestl.org. Scholarships are available.

☆ **RAP with the RABBI** Teen group with **Rabbi Smason** for boys & girls this Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the office.

☆ **Lunch & Learn** with **Rabbi Smason**, each Wednesday, 12:15 pm, in the rear building. 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 1st Tuesday of the month. **Next class Tuesday, May 4, 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 will be Thursday – May 6, 2010.** 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!!!

MAZEL TOV
ON SIMCHAS THIS WEEK!
April 17-23, 2010!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Fran Reisler

Happy Anniversary
None This Week!

Show your friends you care ~ SEND A TRIBUTE!
Sisterhood: Call Phyllis Silverman, 314-434-2482
Shul: Call Gloria Waxman, 314-872-3296

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. This past week Michael Lawrence was hiking on a rocky beach in South Australia with his son Pete, 13, when they discovered an old whiskey bottle with a message inside that was written in Chinese characters. A Chinese crewman dropped the bottle into the ocean after leaving Argentina five years ago. The message read; "Happy to connect with you. I would like to make friends with you. Would you like to?", and according to a translator was signed 'Li Xing Bo'. A marine ecologist said the odds of the bottle surviving the mammoth journey were incalculable. Mr Lawrence said he would ask his son to write a letter in response to Li Xing. Imagine receiving a message from intelligent life in outer space. The thrill would be breathtaking. Now...imagine receiving a message sent from the Creator of the Universe. Could we contain our curiosity about what the Creator wanted to share with us? The Jewish people once received such a message on behalf of humanity. It was called 'The Torah.' Perhaps it can be said that the essence of G-d's message is similar to that sent by Chinese crewman Li Xing Bo: "Happy to connect with you. I would like to make friends with you. Would you like to?"

Parshas Tazria / Metzora Leviticus 12:1 — 15:33

Parshas Tazria describes in great detail the varying and numerous manifestations of the disease called *tzaraas*. Although it has commonly been mistranslated as leprosy, this skin disease bears little resemblance to any bodily ailment transmitted through normal exposure. Rather, *tzaraas* is the physical manifestation of a spiritual malaise, a punishment from G-d primarily for the sin of speaking *loshon hara*. *Loshon hara*, meaning literally 'the evil tongue', is often translated as 'gossip'. However, *loshon hara* refers to derogatory speech about others that is true. **Motzei shem rah** is the Hebrew term for derogatory speech that is false and slanderous. One who contracted *tzaraas* is known as a *metzora*. The appearance of a *tzaraas*-like patch on his skin was subject to a series of examinations by a Kohen, who would declare the patient to be either *tahor* (spiritually pure) or *tamei* (spiritually impure). If *tamei*, he is isolated outside of the camp, an appropriate punishment for someone whose foul tongue caused friends to be separated from one another. **Parshas Metzora** continues the discussion of *tzaraas*, detailing the three-part purification process of the *metzora* administered by a Kohen, complete with immersions, *korbanos* (offerings) and the shaving of the entire body. *Tzaraas* could afflict ones clothing and home, and necessitate the burning of ones clothes and demolishing of ones home if the disease spread.



Rabbinic Ruminations

Before famed skydiver Felix Baumgartner can jump out of a balloon at 120,000 feet, his ground crew will have to clear it first with the Federal Aviation Administration. "Felix will be coming in like a missile," says Dr. Jonathan Clark, medical director of the mission. "We don't want him to be confused with one." Baumgartner, otherwise known as Fearless Felix, is a former paratrooper in the Austrian special forces who has already completed some of the most difficult jumps on earth. Now he intends to become the first skydiver to break the sound barrier. His plan is to leap from a helium balloon in the stratosphere, gain a speed of up to 690 miles per hour in a 5.5-minute freefall, and open his parachute to land 23 miles below. What makes Fearless Felix jump? Every human being is created with an innate desire to grow, achieve and accomplish. Someone once said, "A ship is safe in a harbor, but that's not what ships were made for." A ship is made to sail, and so are we (I'm not certain, however, that we were created to jump out of balloons 23 miles above earth!). The Torah teaches that every Jew is obligated to say, "When will my actions reach the lofty levels of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs?" This statement isn't simply 'good advice', but rather, a directive to strive for greatness. Many of our Jewish brethren have admirably accomplished great things in the scientific, academic and cultural world. However, with an insatiable desire to grow closer to G-d, there is no limit to what we can achieve spiritually, and to how good a Jew each of us can become.

Quote of the Week

Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter —
Martin Luther King Jr.



JOKE of the WEEK



OY VEY!

Years of silence were broken by an historic long-awaited meeting between the Chief Rabbi of Israel and the Pope. No students, seminarians or members of the media were allowed to be close enough to listen to a word of the hour-long conversation. However, those on the other side of the glass partition noted that the chat between the Chief Rabbi and Pope seemed to be friendly and cordial. Of particular interest was their final interchange; observers saw the Chief Rabbi reach into his jacket pocket, pull out a small piece of paper, and hand it to the Pope. The Pope carefully examined the paper, smiled, and mouthed the words 'thank you' to the Chief Rabbi. When the media had an opportunity to interview the participants, the first question asked of the Chief Rabbi was, "What was the significance of the paper you gave to the Pope at the end of your meeting? Was it a statement of principles for future meetings? Was it a request for an apology from the Church for past atrocities committed against the Jewish people?" The Chief Rabbi shook his head slowly, smiled, and said, 'None of those. The paper I gave the Pope was — the catering bill for the Last Supper!'

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@sbcglobal.net 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.

Ze'ev Smason, Rabbi

Aaron Borow, Rabbi Emeritus Robert Kaiser, President

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Mazel Tov
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Mazel Tov
 To our friends celebrating
 Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries
 in the month of April

Loren Abrams
Craig Berkin
Rhoda Carl
Hannah Kaiser
Phyllis Manesberg
Steve Marbain
Lou Osheroff
Fran Reisler
Sid Silverman
Chasi Rosenbaum
Faye Stern
Trudy Sudin
Micky Szus
Marty Tessler
Charles Waxman
AND, William Carter!!

Lag B'Omer
All-You-Can-Eat
Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, May 2, 2010
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon --
While all the goodies last!!
1st come ~ 1st serve!!

Chocolate Chip, Blueberry & Plain Pancakes,
Scrambled Eggs, Mini-Bagels w/cream
cheese and jelly, Robin's yummy potatoes,
Fresh Fruit, Coffee/Tea/Juice
Adults: \$10.00 Kids 4-10: \$5.00
Kids 3 & under: FREE
Smoothies: \$2.00



Thanks to **David & Heidi Smason**
 for their very generous pledge!
 If you would like to be a sponsor, please call
 314-991-2100, ext. 2. to make your pledge!!



PIZZA
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at NHBZ!!!

Lion's Den DINE-IN Pizza Night
SUNDAY, APRIL 25!!

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 4-12: \$6.00 Adults: \$10.00

NEXT CARRY OUT NIGHT:
WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

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 ~ CALL SANDIE
 314-991-2100, ext. 2
Deadline to Order: 12:00 noon on MAY 12.

Big Shabbos Doin's!
Special Celebrations

Honoring the Heart & Soul of NHBZ ~
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Bremler. Thanks to Mr. Bremler's family, includ-
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 List, our NHBZ Sisterhood, and Bob & Sandie
 Abrams for contributing to the luncheon.