

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

Good Shabbos to Everyone!

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Bruchim Habayim
10 Iyar 5770



☆ **Kiddush** ~ Everyone is invited to Kiddush in the Joe Rothman Auditorium following services this morning. Thanks to **Bob & Sandie Abrams** for enhancing our Kiddush today to say **Happy Birthday to William Carter and Micky Szus!** And Thank You for sponsoring soda today ~ our **"POP"-STARS** of the week ~ **Harold & Fran Hoffman!!!**

Surprise a friend with something special!!

If you would like to sponsor or enhance a Kiddush, add something special, 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.

Happy Birthday Micky & William!!

☆ **Davening** ~ *Parshas Acharai-Mos ~ Kedoshim*

Sedra: *Acharai Mos: Vayikra 16:1-18:30*; pages 636-655. Sedra: *Kedoshim: Vayikra 19:1-20:27*; pages 656-671.

Haftorah: *Amos: 9:7-15*; pages 1173-1174.

☆ **Thank You For Leading Davening:** *Pesukei D'Zimra:* **Howard Sandler**; *Shacharis:* **Dr. Ethan Schuman**; *Leyning:* **Michael Shapiro**; *Haftorah:* **Fabian Attoun**; *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 7:10 p.m. Shabbos will conclude at 8:31 p.m.

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

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

Please note: Shabbos morning services will begin at 9:00 a.m. for the next few weeks.

	Shabbos	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Shacharis	9:00	8:00	6:45	7:00	7:00	6:45	7:00
Mincha/Maariv	7:10	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00

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

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

☆ **Thank you to our Sisterhood** ~ Kiddush will be sponsored by Nusach Hari B'nai Zion next Shabbos, May 1, in honor of the wonderful women of our NHBZ Sisterhood.

☆ **Happy Birthday to Mr. Bremler** ~ 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** Another spectacular Friday night with Aryeh Needle to delight you ~ 7:00 p.m. on May 14!! After services, extend your Shabbos pleasure with a delicious, full-course dinner!! Adults: \$18.00; Kids 6-10: \$10.00; Kids 5 & Under, FREE.

☆ **SYNAPLEX SHABBAT** More interesting topics and dynamic speakers to nourish your intellect; then enjoy a wonderful Shabbos lunch in honor of our friends celebrating May Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries on May 22. Services will begin at 8:30 a.m.

☆ **Mazel Tov to Hannah & Happy Anniversary to Joni & Bob** ~ Kiddush will be sponsored by Bob & Joni Kaiser on Shabbos, May 29th, in honor of Hannah's graduation from Ladue High School and to celebrate Bob & Joni's 25th Wedding Anniversary!!!

☆ **Welcome Home Nina & Joey** ~ 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 each spent in Israel.

☆ **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.

☆ **Mother's Day Sunday, May 9th.**

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

☆ NHBZ Shabbos Events & Dates to Remember

☆ **Rosh Chodesh Sivan** Friday, May 14.

☆ **Home Study Groups** Coming up on Sunday, May 16, at the home of **Drs. Susan Feigenbaum & Jay Pepose.**

☆ **Lag B'Omer Pancake Breakfast** Next Sunday, 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. Volunteer Workers so far: Bob & Sandie Abrams, Susan Feigenbaum, Lisa Goffstein, Alan & Janet Haber, Joni Kaiser, Bobby & Sheryl Levine, and Mark Ragin. We need more volunteers!! Who will be the next to step up??



☆ **Sisterhood's Mother's Day Luncheon** Tuesday, May 11, 12:00 noon. A delicious luncheon will be served: Tuna & Egg Salads, Sliced Tomatoes, Fresh Fruit, Sweet Raisin Kugel, Special Mother's Day Dessert, Beverages. 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. Goldberg!!!** 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. She produced 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. 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 brought **The Goldbergs** to television in 1949, where it stayed in first-run production for five years.

☆ **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, Cheesecake, 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. In addition to your reservation for the dinner, please get involved and become a sponsor @ \$20.00 to help offset the costs. Thanks to sponsors already on board: **Bob & Sandie Abrams, Andy & Ellen Berg, Sam & Shirley Bluestein, Alan & Janet Haber, Robin Rickerman, Sid & Phyllis Silverman, Gary & Trudy Sudin, and Menachem & Linda Szus.**

☆ **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 6:40 p.m.**

☆ **Shabbos Study Groups** Each Shabbos one hour before Mincha. **This Shabbos at 6:10 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** on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. No class this week. Classes will resume on May 16th.

☆ **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 Lengua 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 24 - 30, 2010!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Charles Waxman
Micky Szus
William Carter**

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. Have you ever found yourself saying, "I have time to kill?" If so, you should meet Colin Carlson. Even at 13, Colin Carlson believes he's running out of time. Colin is a sophomore at the University of Connecticut, seeking a bachelor's degree in ecology and evolutionary biology and another in environmental studies. But he's been knocked off course by the university's rejection of his request to take a class that includes summer field work in South Africa. Colin and his mother say university officials told them he is too young for the overseas course (even after his mother offered to release UConn from liability and accompany her son as a chaperone at her own expense). So he's filed an age discrimination claim with the university and U.S. Department of Education, which is investigating. "I'm losing time in my four-year plan for college," he said. "They're upsetting the framework of one of my majors."

A ship is safe in a harbor; but that's not what ships are made for. Ships are made to sail, and so are we. Unlike those who say "time is money," the Torah perspective is that "time is life." Don't ever allow yourself to say, "I have time to kill."

Parshas Acharei /Kedoshim Leviticus 16:1 - 20:27

Acharei begins with a lengthy description of the special Yom Kippur service to be performed in the Mishkan by the Kohen Gadol. The service included the lottery selection from amongst two identical goats, one of which would become a national sin offering and the other would be pushed off a cliff in the desert as the bearer of the people's sins (the 'scapegoat'). We also find described the command that Yom Kippur and its laws of fasting and refraining from work be observed eternally by the Jewish people as a day of atonement. Acharei concludes with a listing of the immoral and forbidden sexual relationships, and the command that the Jewish people maintain and ensure the holiness of the land of Israel.



Kedoshim begins with G-d's command to the entire nation of Israel to be holy, emulating the supreme sanctity of G-d Himself. The Torah goes on to delineate a multitude of mitzvos through which we can achieve sanctity, covering a wide variety of subjects, both positive commandments and negative injunctions, dealing with our unique relationships to G-d and our fellow man. Amongst the highlights; revere your parents, guard Shabbos from desecration, have honest dealings with our neighbors, refrain from tale-bearing, don't hate your brother in your heart, and the well-known commandment to love your friend as yourself. Kedoshim concludes with the commandment that we be a holy and distinct people from amongst the nations of the world.

Rabbinic Ruminations

Imagine standing on the edge of achieving your life's dream. You make a small mistake that will cost you your dream — but if you don't say anything, you'll probably get away with it. Would you own up to the mistake, or would you keep quiet and hope for the best? Brian Davis isn't the best-known name in golf — or even the hundredth best known — but after this past Sunday he ought to move up a few notches. Davis was in a playoff trying to notch his first-ever PGA Tour win. The difference in prize money between first and second place wasn't chopped liver, either; \$1.03 million versus \$615,000. When Davis tried to hit the ball, he realized his club may have grazed a stray weed on his backswing. So what's the big deal? This: golf rules state that hitting any material around your ball during your backswing constitutes a violation of the rule against moving loose impediments, and is an immediate two-stroke penalty. And in a playoff, that means, in effect, game over. Davis called over a rules official. Movement of the weed was visible on a TV replay — but only in slow motion. As soon as the replays confirmed the violation, Davis conceded the victory. Brian Davis' honesty cost him a chance at winning his first-ever PGA tour event and quite a bit of money. But he won much more than that by taking the honorable route. Brian Davis understood that in golf, as in life, honesty is more important than victory. The Torah states that 'the seal of the Almighty is truth.' Our connection with emes, or honesty, is vital to an enrichment of our spiritual life and for a close connection with G-d.

Quote of the Week

Lose your dreams, and you might lose your mind — *Mick Jagger*



JOKE of the WEEK



OY VEY!

Moshe and Miriam, a young orthodox married couple, were expecting their first baby. Unfortunately, Miriam's water broke on Shabbos, and they had no choice but to call for a taxi to take them to the hospital's maternity ward. Because Moshe wanted to try and minimize the Shabbos violation, he told the dispatcher, "Please send only a non-Jewish driver." The taxi quickly arrived. However, when Moshe and Miriam were getting in, they overheard the dispatcher on the two-way radio ask the driver, "Have you picked up the anti-Semites yet?"

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.

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*Join us on Shabbos, May 15,
as we hear the inspiring words
of Rabbi Heshy Kleinman*

On Shabbos May 15 (Parshas Bamidbar) Rabbi Heshy Kleinman will be visiting St. Louis and delivering the drasha at NHBZ during Shabbos morning services at approximately 10:40 a.m. Rabbi Kleinman is the author of *"Praying With Fire; A 5-Minute Lesson-A-Day"* and *"Praying With Fire 2,"* as well as the co-founder of the V'Ani Tefillah Foundation. He is dedicated to increasing awareness of the importance and power of prayer and to providing education, inspiration, and tools for more sincere, powerful and effective prayer; he lectures internationally on prayer and other challenging topics, and is a frequent contributor to the Jewish Observer magazine. Rabbi Kleinman is also co-founder of the Hakhel Public Lecture Program in Brooklyn, NY, and a member of the Commission on Kedushas Bais Haknesses of Agudath Israel of America. Rabbi Kleinman will be visiting and speaking at all the Orthodox synagogues during his brief visit to St. Louis to promote his initiative to strengthen our awareness of and commitment to tefila. **"Praying With Fire" will be available at no charge to the first 30 members of NHBZ who call or email the office requesting a copy.** Additional copies will be available for a charge (to be determined). Rabbi Kleinman's visit to St. Louis is being arranged and sponsored by the St. Louis Kollel.



**PIZZA
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at NHBZ!!!**

**Lion's Den DINE-IN Pizza Night
THIS 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.

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
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Smoothies: \$2.00**



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Big Shabbos Doins! Special Celebrations

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