



NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

December 25, 2010

18 Teves 5771

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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Today

- **Shachris & Musaf (9:00 am)** - Thank you for leading services:
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
 - Shacharis: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
 - Leyning: **Michael Shapiro**
 - Haftorah: **Kenny Bressler**
 - Sermon: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
 - Musaf: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
- **Learners Service (10:30 am)** - Led by *Rabbi Chanan Swidler* of Aish HaTorah in the Chapel
- **Jr. Congregations (10:30 am)** - Girls Jr. Congregation and younger children meet in Children's Room with *Sivya Smason*; Boys Jr. Congregation will meet in the Auditorium with *Avrumi Smason*.
- **Kiddush (following Musaf)** - Thanks to **Menachem & Linda Szus** and **Leo Bressler** for sponsoring kiddush today in honor of the engagement of their daughter **Dana** to **Elie Sutton** of New York. Mazel Tov to **Menachem & Linda**, to Dana's grandfather, **Leo Bressler**, brothers **Eli & Micky Szus**, **Uncle Kenny & Aunt Barb Bressler**, **Uncle Larry & Aunt Risa Bressler** in Boston, Dana's grandparents in Australia, **Adam & Sonia Szus** and **Uncle Henry Szus** of Australia, Elie's parents in New York, **Sam & Jane Sutton** and Elie's brothers and sister, **Michael, Moey, Robbie, Tunie & Joey Sutton**.
- **"POP" Stars of the week** - Thanks to **Ron & Sandy Segall** for sponsoring soda today in honor of their wedding anniversary.
- **Bulletin Sponsor** - Thanks to **Leo Bressler** for sponsoring this bulletin in honor of the engagement of his granddaughter Dana Szus to Elie Sutton.
- **Shabbos Study Group (3:40 pm)** - Studies in Tanach, lead by *Menachem Szus*; everyone at any level of learning is welcome. We have begun the second to last chapter of the Second Book of Kings. Please join us on the final stretch toward the finish. In a few weeks, we'll have a siyum upon conclusion of yet another book of tanach. We hope you can make it to the finish line with us.
- **Boys' Mishna Study Group (3:40 pm)** - With *Rabbi Smason*, for boys ages 10-17.
- **Mincha / Shalosh Seudos / Maariv (4:10 pm)**
- **Shabbos concludes (5:30 pm)**



Tonight

- **'Movies After Dark' (Motzei Shabbos, 7:30 pm)** - We are featuring the movie 'Marjorie Morningstar' (1958), with Gene Kelly and Natalie Wood, in the private 30-seat theater at the Mansions on the Plaza, 8300 Delmar. *Rabbi Smason* will lead a discussion following the film; light refreshments will be available. Thanks to **Jane Lyss** for organizing this monthly event. Feel free to invite your friends.

This Week

● Davening Times *	Shabbos Dec. 25	Sun. Dec. 26	Mon. Dec. 27	Tues. Dec. 28	Wed. Dec. 29	Thur. Dec. 30	Fri. Dec. 31	Shabbos Jan. 1
Shachris	9:00 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv	4:10 pm	4:25 pm	4:25 pm	-	-	-	4:25 pm	4:15 pm
Maariv Only	-	-	-	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	-	-

* Please arrive on time

- **Sunday Learning** (tomorrow, Sunday Dec 26, following Shachris) - Rabbi Chanan Swidler of Aish HaTorah leads Mishna study for men following Sunday morning services; davening at 8:00 am.
- **RAP with the RABBI Teen Group** - will not be held this week or next week; next scheduled time will be Sunday, January 9.
- **Dine-In Pizza Night** (Sunday, Dec 26, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm) - Please volunteer to help
- **Shabbos Mikvah Unavailable for Men** (Mon Dec 27 - Wed Dec 29) due to repairs.
- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** (Wednesday, December 29, 12:15 pm) - Insights for daily living from the weekly Torah portion; in the Auditorium.

Coming Events

- **Next Gift Card Order Days** (Dec 30 and Jan 15) - Buy Gift Cards and get free money for NHBZ
- **Irvin Alper Social Club** (Sunday, Jan 2, 5:00 pm)
- **Morris Lengua Yiddish Club** (Thursday, January 6, 7:00 pm)
- **Special Shabbos Kiddush** (Saturday, January 8) - Sponsored by **Dr. Susan Feigenbaum, David, Max, Sam & Morissa**, to say 'Happy Birthday' to their husband and father, **Dr. Jay Pepose!!!**
- **Installation Shabbos Lunch** (Saturday, January 15)
- **Carry-Out Pizza Night** (Wednesday, January 19)
- **Garage Sale Part 2** (to be scheduled) - We welcome additional contributions of garage sale items (no more clothes, please) for a final garage sale blowout day.
- **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group** (to be scheduled)
- **NHBZ Sisterhood Meeting and Lunch** (to be scheduled)

Kashrus Alert

- **Aunt Jemima Whole Wheat Blend Pancake Mix** - recent packaging bears OU-D, but It is **OU PAREVE**; Correction will be made on future packaging.

Meetings

- **Executive Committee Meeting** - Tues, Dec 28; Maariv at 6:30 pm; meeting at 7:00 pm.
- **Board of Directors Meeting** - Tuesday, Jan 11; Maariv at 6:30 pm; meeting at 7:00 pm.



Reminders

- **Sponsorships** - If you would like to sponsor kiddush, Soda, Shalosh Seudos, or this bulletin, in honor or in memory of someone, please call 314-991-2100, ext. 2, to make arrangements.
- **Tributes** - For Shul, call *Gloria Waxman* at 872-3296; sisterhood call *Phyllis Silverman* at 434-2482
- **Synagogue Honors** - It is customary to make a donation to the synagogue for an Aliyah.
- **Free Money for NHBZ!!** - Use Schnuck's Scrip and buy Gift Cards; call Scrip and Gift Card Mavens *Janet Haber* at 567-7406 or *Bert Zakroff* at 220-0674 for details.
- **More Free Money for NHBZ** - Turn in unused Cell Phones, Chargers and Ink Jet Cartridges; Planet Green Recycling will safely dispose of them, and pay us, too!
- **Even More Free Money - Enjoy Freshly Baked Goods and Support NHBZ, Too!** - Every purchase from **Norma's Bakery** includes a donation to NHBZ; To order, call *Norma Yabeta* at 314-398-1044 or send email to *lemuriana999@hotmail.com*.
- **Volunteer Opportunities** - NHBZ needs YOU! NHBZ is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 52 weeks per year; We need your help; whatever your skills, we have an opportunity for you: office work, cooking, pickup and delivery, repairs, Pizza night, Sukkah raising, outreach committee, building committee; please call the office to volunteer.
- **Even More Volunteer Opportunities** - Our new shul is under construction, but there is much work to be done. If you would like to help on one of the following **committees, please contact Lenny Alper** at 314-993-4024: memorial boards, recognition plaques, mechitza, kitchen appliances, lobby decor, chapel decor, landscaping, moving.

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. There also 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.

Parshas Shemos

December 24, 2010

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Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates



How much is someone's happiness worth? Six years ago STAR-K, a non-profit agency representing kosher consumers, undertook the goal of trying to help singles in Baltimore. Offering a cash incentive of \$2500 to anyone who successfully arranged a *shidduch* (match) for a woman in Baltimore's Orthodox community, STAR-K's initiative achieved stunning success. To date (pun intended), STAR-K has paid out \$320,000 for a total of 134 matches. One hundred and thirty four couples have found happiness because of someone's great idea, combined with the generosity of many others. The STAR-K *Shidduch* Incentive Program is a wonderful inspiration, and a reminder of the extent we are obligated to extend ourselves to help others find happiness.

Parshas Shemos Exodus 1:1 - 6:1



The book of Exodus begins by describing the gradually increasing enslavement of the Jewish people in Egypt. It was Pharaoh's plan that the backbreaking labor would stunt their rapid physical growth. Moses is born, and when his mother is unable to keep him hidden from the Egyptian authorities any longer she places him in a basket and sends him down the Nile River. He is found by Pharaoh's daughter and raised in the royal palace. Already a grown man, Moses kills an Egyptian who he witnessed beating a Jew. Moses flees to the land of Midian and marries Zipporah, the daughter of Jethro, and they have two sons.

When Moses is shepherding his father-in-law's flock, G-d appears to him in a burning bush and tells him he will lead the Jewish people from Egypt. Initially reluctant, Moses is shown three miracles to perform before the Jewish people to prove he was sent by G-d. Moses, accompanied by his brother Aaron, encounters an obstinate Pharaoh. The Egyptian king not only refuses their request for a three-day respite to worship G-d, but even increases the slave's heavy workload. The portion concludes with the people complaining to Moses and Aaron for making their situation worse.

Rabbinical Ruminations

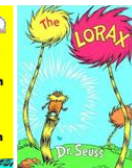
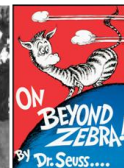
Have you ever wondered what the most common words in the English language are? Wonder no more. A list was compiled by the Information Technology Research Institute based on millions of words of transcribed conversation, printed text, lectures, and speeches. So without further ado, here are the top five prize winners by percentage of use:

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| 6.18% | the |
| 4.23% | is, was, are (and other forms of 'to be') |
| 2.94% | of |
| 2.68% | and |
| 2.46% | a, an |

Many other words are common. But one 'common' word that seems to have become lost, is the word 'common' in 'common courtesy.' Whatever happened to common courtesy? It wasn't long ago that common courtesy was indeed common. It was an accepted social norm; a fundamental part of our society that oiled the wheels of social interaction. But today, whether it be in our cars, at the mall or store, at work and school, and even at home, common courtesy seems to be lacking. Ethics of Our Fathers states (3:13) that the Almighty is truly pleased with us only when we behave in a courteous, ethical, trustworthy manner towards others. We sanctify the name of G-d by treating others with respect, and refine our own character in the process. Let that driver waiting to enter traffic pull in front of you. Hold the door open for the person behind you. Clean up after eating. A little courtesy packs a giant wallop.

Quote of the Week

Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened -- Dr. Seuss



Joke of the Week

Three Jews dressed in long black coats with beards are playing golf. A guy named Mahoney wants to play golf, and this is the only threesome in which he can play. So, he joins the Rabbis and plays 18 holes. At the end of the 18 holes, his score is 104. The Rabbis shoot 69, 70 and 72.

"So", he says to the Rabbis, "How come you guys shoot such good golf?"

The lead Rabbi says, "When you lead a religious life, join and attend the right synagogue, you are rewarded."

Mahoney, a true lover of golf, thinks, "What have I got to lose?". He finds a synagogue near his home, converts to Judaism, joins the synagogue, regularly attends services and leads a holy life.

About a year later, he again plays golf with the three Rabbis. He shoots a 104 and they shoot a 69, 70 and 72. He says to them: "OK, I converted, joined a synagogue, live a religious life and I still shoot a 104. What's the deal?"

"What synagogue did you join?" asks the lead Rabbi.

"Bnai Mezuzah " is the reply.

The Rabbi responds, "Didn't anyone tell you... Bnai Mezuzah is for tennis!"



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(Thanks to **Barry Weinshenker** for the joke)

**Mazel Tov
On Simchas this week!
December 25-31, 2010!**

Happy Birthday

**Justin Shanitkvitch
Gary Sudin
Daniel Zarkowsky
Mark Tendler
Melissa Marbain
Gerald Bolt
Adrienne Jackson
Daniella Yasinev
Marvin Schneider
Eli Szus
Dennis Yasinev**

Happy Anniversary

**Craig & Jackie Berkin
Ron & Sandra Segall
Carl & Shirley Sussman**

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NHBZ Gift Card Program



You can now help support NHBZ by shopping at many of the usual stores and businesses *that you already use*. All you need to do is plan ahead, and purchase a gift card for your favorite places. *It's easy, and the sponsoring companies give NHBZ a discount of up to 25% !!!* You pay NHBZ for the gift cards, but NHBZ pays the companies a discounted price, resulting in a 'free' donation to NHBZ.

1. Get an order form from the NHBZ lobby or office, or from nhbz.org
2. Select which gift cards you would like; if your favorite store is not on the form, more choices are available on the website, or just call us and ask
3. Add up the cost of your cards and write a check to NHBZ or call us and put it on your charge card
4. Mail or bring your form and check to the NHBZ office; we will order cards on the 15th and 30th of each month
5. Your gift cards will be at the office within 5 days of the order; we can mail them to you, or you can save NHBZ the postage, and pick up your order at the office

DON'T HESITATE TO CALL IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS!



Janet Haber 314-567-7406 or
Bert Zakroff 314-220-0674



Thanks to the NHBZ pioneers who are already enjoying the gift cards they have ordered. Ask them how easy it is!!!

Lenny & Fran Alper	Bob & Joni Kaiser
Alan & Janet Haber	Evelyn Marbain
Bert & Tzipporah Zakroff	Marty Tessler
Dr. Jay Pepose & Susan Feigenbaum	



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

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

TOMORROW, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 !!

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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

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