

NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

January 7, 2011

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

12 Teves, 5771

Torah Portion Vayechi:
Haftorah Vayechi:

Genesis 47:28 – 50:26
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Erev Shabbos - Friday, January 6

- **Mincha & Maariv** (4:30 pm)
- **Candle Lighting** (4:36 pm)

Shabbos - Saturday, January 7

- **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: **none today**
 - Musaf: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
- **Child Care** (10:00 am – Noon) – for children 3 years old and younger, in the Children's Room downstairs.
- **Youth Programming** (10:15 am – Noon) – for children ages 4-8, in the Youth Lounge on the lower level.
- **Learners Service** (10:15 am) – Led by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**, in the Chapel on the lower level.
- **Kiddush, Lunch & Installation** (following Musaf) - **MAZEL TOV** to our new Officers and Board Members who invite you to Kiddush & Lunch in the Social Hall; after Kiddush, please wash, be seated and silent until **Rabbi Smason** makes HaMotzi; after lunch **Rabbi Smason** will conduct the installation.
- **Shabbos Study Group** (3:50 pm) - Studies in Tanach, led by **Menachem Szus**; everyone at any level of learning is welcome; now studying Yeshayahu (Isaiah).
- **Boys Mishna Study Group** (3:50 pm) - With **Rabbi Smason**, for boys ages 10-17.
- **Mincha/Shalosh Seudos/Ma'ariv** (4:20 pm)
- **Shabbos Concludes** (5:40 pm)



This Week

Davening Times	Shabbos Jan 7	Sun. Jan 8	Mon. Jan 9	Tues. Jan 10	Wed. Jan 11	Thur. Jan 12	Fri. Jan 13	Shabbos Jan 14
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	4:20 pm	4:35 pm	4:35 pm	-	-	-	4:35 pm	4:25 pm
Ma'ariv Only	-	-	-	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	-	-
Events	Installation of Board	Learn and RAP; Social Club	Buy Cash Cards	Board Meeting	Lunch & Learn		Erev Shabbos	Shabbos

- **Sunday Learning** (Sunday, January 8, 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** – (Sunday, January 8, 10:00 am) - with **Rabbi Smason**, for young men and women; at Starbucks at Olive & Price; with complimentary drinks to all participants!
- **Irvin Alper Social Club** (Sunday, January 8, 5:00 pm) – Join us for a social evening of Supper, Movie and Cards; only \$7.00 per person; RSVP to Ruth Alper at (314) 569-2877.
- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** (Wednesday, Jan 11, 12:15 pm, in the Teen Lounge on the lower level) - Now studying *Pirkei Avos* (*Ethics of the Fathers*, in English), which deals with Jewish ethical and moral principles; please join us for an enjoyable and relevant presentation and discussion.

- **Buy and Use Cash Cards** (Monday – Friday) – Next order dates are **Monday, January 16 and Tuesday, January 31**; buy 'em before these dates and earn free money for NHBZ; Kohn's Scrip is temporarily sold out.

Coming Events

- **Dine-In Pizza Night** (Last Sunday, January 29, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm)
- **Morris Lengua Yiddish Club** (First Thursday, February 2, 7:00 pm) - Join us for a spirited hour filled with Yiddish stories, songs and laughter; seasoned "mavens" as well as novices are welcome.
- **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group** (First Tuesday, February 7, 2:30 pm) - at the home of **Jackie Berkin**; Topic is "The Six Constant Mitzvos," presented by **Rabbi Shaya Mintz**, of the St. Louis Kollel; all women are welcome; please join us!!!

Kosher Product Recall

- **Miller's Cheese Corp. and World Cheese Company** (Haolam products) have issued a voluntary recall of several products due to the presence of Listeria Monocytogenes in a facility that shreds and packages the products. This is NOT a kashrus issue. For more information please check the Miller's Cheese website at www.millerscheesecorp.com and the World Cheese Company website at www.worldcheeseco.com. **NOTE:** Sandie checked the cheese we use at pizza night and consulted with Rabbi Zuravin at the Vaad for confirmation, and our cheese is OK.

Meetings

- **Board of Directors** (Tuesday, January 10, 7:00 pm, following minyan)
- **Executive Committee** (Tuesday, January 31, 7:00 pm, following minyan) – **NEW DATE.**
- **Sisterhood** - will not have meetings during the winter months of January and February, and will resume in March when the weather is more predictable!



Reminders

- **Sponsorships** - If you would like to sponsor kiddush, Soda, Shalosh Seudos, this bulletin, or something special and unique in honor or in memory of someone, please call 314-991-2100, ext. 2, to make arrangements.
- **Tributes** - Show your friends you care; a tribute is a donation in honor of a birth, a birthday, an anniversary, a healthy recovery, or in memory of a loved one, or for any reason to show you care; tributes will be listed in this bulletin every 6-8 weeks.
 - For a Shul tribute, call Gloria Waxman at 314-872-3296
 - For a Sisterhood tribute, call Phyllis Silverman at 314-434-2482
 - For Libby Needle Fund, call Sally Needle at 314-991-2575
- **Buy a Brick Online or by Phone** - Our website now accepts online donations for the Brick and Planting Campaign; go to <http://www.nhbz.org/dedications.asp> or call the office at 314-991-2100.
- **Donate a Book to Our Beautiful New Library** - Did you know you can purchase a Siddur, Chumash, or other prayer books or study books for NHBZ as a tribute? Contact the office for details.
- **Synagogue Honors** - It is customary to make a donation to the synagogue for an Aliyah or other synagogue honors received.
- **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; **NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT CARDS to purchahse some Cash Cards – see flyer in lobby!**
- **Volunteer Opportunities** - NHBZ needs YOU! NHBZ is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 52 weeks per year; to provide such an ongoing service, 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.



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 prayer 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 Vayechi

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12 Teves, 5772

Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates



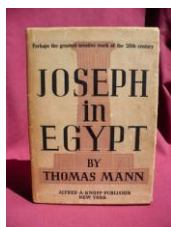
Mitch Gilbert hit the jackpot this month before boarding a flight in Las Vegas: He found \$10,000 in two unmarked Caesar's Palace envelopes.

But he didn't keep it. Gilbert, 55, was traveling home to Colorado when, going through security, he saw two sealed envelopes left behind on a table. After thirty minutes passed with no one claiming the items, he decided he would take them home and then call the airport. Back home Gilbert opened the envelopes. "I opened them up and saw the \$5,000 in each one. I literally fell over. I called the airport (but they wouldn't help). I said, 'Well you have to help me. If you had lost it, you'd want to make sure you got it back.'"

Gilbert did not give up and kept calling back for days until someone reported the money missing. He was put in contact with Ignacio Marquez of El Paso, Texas, who said he won the money gambling but dropped it while running to catch a flight. Within a short time, Gilbert returned the money. Why return \$10,000 he could have easily kept? Gilbert said, "I did it for two reasons. First, every time I put myself in the guy's shoes, I would get sick to my stomach and I knew that I would hope to G-d that somebody would find me or turn it in," Gilbert said. "The second reason - and both are equally important - is that I wanted to set a good example for my kids. As a family thing, I wanted to do the right thing. "I mean, I could use ten grand, but it wasn't my money. That was the bottom line."

Judaism is not a religion that respects disembodied minds whose teachings are contradicted by the conduct of its adherents. We must follow the example of Mitch Gilbert: The best way to teach our children honesty and all good values is to be a model of those qualities ourselves.

Parshas Vayechi - Genesis 47:28 – 50:26



The final portion of the first book of the Torah describes Jacob's actions immediately preceding his death in Egypt. Jacob makes Joseph swear to bury him in the land of Israel, and then gives Joseph's two sons, Menashe and Ephraim, a special blessing. Notwith-

standing Joseph's protest, Jacob insists on giving the younger Ephraim the right-hand position of primacy during the blessing (is this the origin of 'my right-hand man'?).

Jacob then proceeds to give each of his other sons their individual blessings in accordance with their own unique character traits and life purpose. Jacob passes away at the age of 147. He then is brought by his sons and accompanied by a great procession of Egyptian royalty to the land of Israel where he is buried in *M'aras HaMachpelah* (The Tomb of the Patriarchs). Upon returning to Egypt, Joseph's brothers fear that he will finally take revenge now that their father is dead. However, Joseph reassures them that he bears no hard feelings. The portion concludes with Joseph's death and the Jewish people's promise to carry his bones with them to Israel when they are finally redeemed.

Rabbinic Ruminations



Want to know whether someone is *really* a political liberal or conservative? Carry some pictures of politicians, show them to your friend, and look at the size of his pupils. Our pupils, the black holes which let light into the eyes, don't just help us see, they also signal what's going on in our mind.

The harder your brain works, the more your pupils dilate. When participants in a study were given more and more difficult tasks to complete, their pupils got bigger and bigger. The size of your pupils can also signal whether you're interested in what someone is saying, your interest in a member of the opposite sex, or if you're in pain. One fascinating study involved people shown pictures of Lyndon Johnson, George Wallace and Martin Luther King, Jr. The pupils of those who self-identified as liberals dilated when they saw fellow liberals Johnson and King but constricted when they saw conservative Wallace. Conservatives showed the opposite pattern.

The world, the Talmud says, is like a human eyeball. The white of the eye is the ocean surrounding the world, the iris is a continent (Asia), the pupil is Jerusalem, and the image in the pupil is the Holy Temple. The pupil of the eye is actually referred to in

Hebrew as the *ishon* -- literally, "little man" -- perhaps hinting at the image of Noah which occupied the center of G-d's vision while assessing the future of His creation. Whoever gave the famous order "Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes" may have missed the mark; whether or not the eyes are windows to the soul, the pupils are certainly windows to the mind.

Quote of the Week

"One advantage of marriage is that, when you fall out of love with him or he falls out of love with you, it keeps you together until you fall in again."

- Judith Viorst, American author

Joke of the Week



FORTY YEAR HIGH SCHOOL REUNION SONGS:

- The Bee Gees: "How Can You Mend a Broken Hip"
- Roberta Flack: "The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face"
- Johnny Nash: "I Can't See Clearly Now"
- The Temptations: "Papa Got a Kidney Stone"
- ABBA: "Denture Queen"
- Leo Sayer: "You Make Me Feel Like Napping"
- Commodores: "Once, Twice, Three Trips to the Bathroom"
- Procol Harem: "A Whiter Shade of Hair"
- Steely Dan: "Rikki Don't Lose Your Car Keys"
- Herman's Hermits: "Mrs. Brown You've Got a Lovely Walker"
- Marvin Gaye: "I Heard It Through the Grape Nuts"



OYVEY!

Why Attend Minyan? #1

Attending minyan helps you grow spiritually, and gives you a time to connect with others and connect with God at the same time. It allows you to be alone with your inner thoughts, and feel closer to God, while you are surrounded by others from the community.

Howard Sandler (409-7266)
 Rabbi Smason (749-5271)
 Synagogue Office (991-2100)

TOYS FOR CHANUKAH

A very big **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated toys & gelt for our Chanukah drive. We don't have a complete list of names, so if your name isn't mentioned here, please call Sandie so we can thank you too. 991-2100 extension 2.

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| Lenny & Fran Alper | Ruth Alper |
| Gary & Nancy Benson | Sam & Shirley Bluestein |
| Sarah Klein | Morris & Estelle Kram |
| NHBZ Sisterhood | Lou & Shirley Osheroff |
| Ted & Rachael Pevnick | Jack Tepper |
| Menachem & Linda Szus | Marian Walters |
| Bob, Joni, Hannah & Rebecca Kaiser | |

**Mazel Tov
 On Simchas This Week
 January 7 - January 13**

Happy Birthday

**Joel Manesberg
 Jay Pepose
 Miriam Sabol
 Batya Elbaz**

**Happy Anniversary
 Sam & Shirley Bluestein**

Show your friends you care - SEND A TRIBUTE
Shul: Call Gloria Waxman 314-872-3296
Sisterhood: Phyllis Silverman 314-434-2482
Libby Needle Fund: Sally Needle 314-991-2575

**St. Louis Kollel
Mini Winter "Yarchei Kallah"**

Wed. January 11th & Thurs. January 12th
 8pm at Agudas Israel for this great Torah learning opportunity. For more information, contact Rabbi Shlomo Soroka at 726-6047 or email office@stlkollel.com.

GIVE BLOOD



**American
Red Cross**
The need is constant.
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St. Louis Jewish Community Blood Drive

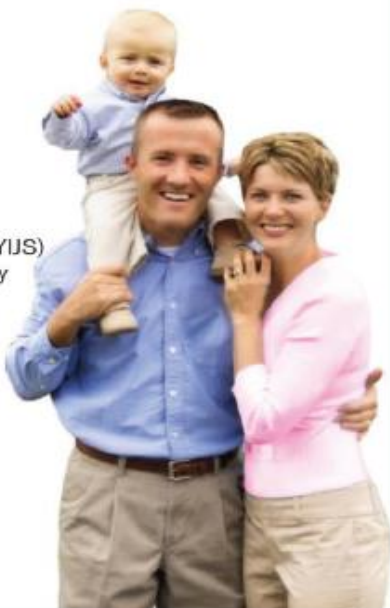
Congregation Young Israel
8101 Delmar Boulevard
St. Louis, MO

Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Visit redcrossblood.org (code YIJS)
or call 1-800-RED CROSS today
to make an appointment.
Walk-in donors welcome, however
appointments take priority.

Endorsed by
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Harvey Kornblum
Jewish Food Pantry Drive
Non-perishable Items Needed:
Soup Canned Tuna
Peanut Butter Rice
Macaroni & Cheese



Interested in Learning Shechita?

We are in the process of organizing a class and searching for participants for a series of classes for men on the laws of *Shechita* - ritual slaughter according to Jewish dietary law. The classes, to be held at NHBZ, will be led by Rabbi Chaim Loike, a Rabbinic Coordinator with the Orthodox Union (OU) Kashruth Division. Rabbi Loike is widely recognized for his vast expertise in the kashruth of animals. The class goal is to learn and possibly qualify as a *shocheit*!

For more information
call **Dr. Ethan Schuman** at 314 791-2951

Irvin Alper Social Club Meeting

Sunday, January 8, 5:00 pm

Join us for a social evening of Supper, Movie and Cards; only \$7.00 per person;

RSVP to Ruth Alper at (314) 569-2877.

Stump the Rabbi

With the new calendar year, we offer a new feature of the Shabbos bulletin.

'*Stump the Rabbi*' is a chance to ask Rabbi Smason questions about davening and the Shabbos service. Any question is fair game! You can ask the rabbi your questions any time on Shabbos or during the week, or email him at:

Pepshort613@gmail.com

Pinkie Salute

Question: What is the source for and the meaning of the custom of pointing the pinkie finger at the Torah during hagbah?

Answer: As the Torah is raised (*hagbah*) following the conclusion of the Torah reading, both men and women say, chant or sing, "*This is the Torah that Moshe placed before the Children of Israel ... according to the word of Hashem through Moshe.*" One explanation for the widespread custom of pointing with the pinkie finger is based upon the Torah listing the ten generations from Noah until Abraham, including *Yoktan*, who established the largest number of families. Rashi notes that *Yoktan* merited establishing so many families due to his great humility; the name *Yoktan* comes from the root *katan* - little. Therefore, when pointing at the Torah we take this lesson to heart and we point with our smallest finger - the pinkie - to indicate that we should reach out to try to gain understanding of the Torah with the utmost humility and thus merit to succeed in this aspiration. Get the 'point'? I hope so!

ISRAEL CORNER

Did you know that Israelis have won first place at the World University Debating Championships three years in a row, a feat never achieved by any other country?



Installation Shabbos Jan. 7

Following Davening Lunch plus Installation of Officers, Directors & Trustees

Shul Officers

President	- Janet Haber
Vice President	- Robin Rickerman
Vice President	- Trudy Sudin
Treasurer	- Gary Sudin
Secretary	- Bobby Levine
Gabbai	- Mayer Taller

Shul Board of Directors

Term Thru 2012

Fran Alper
Larry Chervitz
Les Sabol
Phyllis Silverman

Term Thru 2013

Francine Attoun
Esther Gelb
Fran Reisler
Bert Zakroff

Term Thru 2014

Ken Bressler
Don Eisenberg
Sandy Kahn
Rich Woolf

Irv Alper Social Club Officers

Co-Presidents	- Ruth Alper - Morris & Estelle Kram
Vice President	- Gloria & Charlie Waxman
Secretary	- Rachael & Ted Pevnick
Treasurer	- Esther Gelb

Sisterhood Officers

President	- Rachael Pevnick
Vice President	- Phyllis Silverman
Vice President	- Trudy Sudin
Treasurer	- Ruth Alper
Secretary	- Esther Gelb
Chaplain	- Rebbitzen Chani Smason

Sisterhood Trustees

Francine Attoun	Bertha Berman
June Cohen	Arlene Fredman
Estelle Kram	Sylvia Tessler

Honorary Gabbai - Sid Silverman

Honorary Trustees - Dr. Arnold Brody
- Marvin Stein

Honorary Board Members

- Ted Pevnick
- Betty Goldstein Parker

Jewish Student Union (JSU)

A LIGHT TO REMEMBER

JSU is pleased to announce that the Annual JSU Gala, **A Light to Remember**, will take place January 21st at the newly renovated Peabody Opera House (formally Kiel Opera House). This will be the first kosher event at this venue. The evening will include an elegant dinner along with special entertainment. This year's honorees are Dr. David & Lynnsie Balk Kantor. Special tribute will be paid to JSU faculty advisors, Vince DeBlasi and Ellen Summa of Lafayette and Ladue high schools, respectively. Please help JSU take advantage of an anonymous benefactor's generous offer to match any increase you make over last year's gift. For more information, contact

Danielle Bialecki [314-265-6415](tel:314-265-6415)

Rabbi Mike [314-498-6279](tel:314-498-6279)

or visit www.jsustl.org.

Update:

NHBZ now has 10 Trustees

H.H. Bremler	Sid Silverman
Sam Bluestein	Lenny Alper
Menachem Szus	Mark Ragin
Alan Zarkowsky	Craig Berkin
Irwin Rosen	Bob Kaiser

The Trustees are composed of all past presidents of the congregation. Bob Kaiser became a Trustee as of January 1, 2012. According to the NHBZ by-laws, the Trustees have one duty: to nominate candidates to be officers and board members. The most recent past-president is the chairman of the nominating committee.

Hmmm
I knew that!

