



# NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

January 1, 2011

25 Teves 5771

## Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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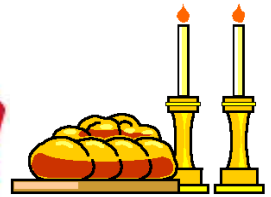
Shemos 6:2 - 9:35  
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### Today

- **Shachris & Musaf (9:00 am)** - Thank you for leading services:
  - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
  - Haftorah: **Ron Makovsky**
  - Shacharis: **Ron Makovsky/Michael Shapiro**
  - Sermon: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
  - Leyning: **Michael Shapiro**
  - Musaf: **Michael Shapiro/  
Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
- **Learners Service (10:30 am)** - Led by **Jonathan Stern** in the Chapel.
- **Jr. Congregations (10:30 am)** - Girls Jr. Congregation and younger children meet in Children's Room with **Dodi Smason**, Boys Jr. Congregation will meet in the Auditorium with **Avrumi Smason**.
- **Kiddush (following Musaf)** - Thanks to "**POP**" **Star of the week Miriam Kapelusz** for sponsoring soda today.
- **Special Shabbos Class (3:45 pm)** - led by **Rabbi Smason**, topic is 'Understanding Shabbos Mincha/afternoon Services'; this class replaces the regular Shabbos Study Group and Boys' Mishna Study Group this week only.
- **Mincha / Shalosh Seudos / Maariv (4:15 pm)**
- **Shabbos concludes (5:35 pm)**

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### This Week

● <b>Davening Times *</b>	Shabbos Jan. 1	Sun. Jan. 2	Mon. Jan. 3	Tues. Jan. 4	Wed. Jan. 5	Thur.** Jan. 6	Fri. Jan. 7	Shabbos Jan. 8
<b>Shachris</b>	9:00 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	6:45 am	7:00 am	9:00 am
<b>Mincha/Maariv</b>	4:15 pm	4:30 pm	4:30 pm	-	-	-	4:30 pm	4:20 pm
<b>Maariv Only</b>	-	-	-	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	-	-

\* Please arrive on time

\*\* Rosh Chodesh

- **Sunday Learning (tomorrow, Sunday Jan 2, 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; next scheduled time will be Sunday, January 9.
- **Irvin Alper Social Club (Tomorrow, Sunday, Jan 2, 5:00 pm)**
- **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group (Tuesday, January 4, 2:30 pm)** - at the home of **Jackie Berkin**; Topic is "**Women of Valor - Our Biblical Mothers**" presented by **Rabbi Shaya Mintz**, of the St. Louis Kollel; All women are welcome; please join us!!!
- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn (Wednesday, January 5, 12:15 pm)** - Insights for daily living from the weekly Torah portion; in the Auditorium.
- **Morris Lenga Yiddish Club (Thursday, January 6, 7:00 pm)**
- **Shabbos Mikvah Unavailable for Men (Sun Jan 2 - Wed Jan 5)** due to repairs.

## Coming Events

- **Next Pre-Paid Cash Card Order Days (Jan 15 and Jan 30)** - Buy Cash Cards and earn free money for NHBZ. *You pay with the Cash Cards just like cash in hand !!*
- **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 !!**
- **Special Kabbalas Shabbos (Fri, Jan 14, 4:25 pm)** - Spirited davening led by Aryeh Needle.
- **Shabbos Lunch & Learn Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries in January (Saturday, Jan 15)** - Join us for our monthly Lunch & Learn; this month, Rabbi Ze'ev Smason will speak on the topic *"Kabbalistic Insights Into the Face"*
- **Jewish Community Annual Blood Drive (Sunday, January 16, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm)**- at Young Israel; Make an appointment online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) (code YIJS) or call 1-800-RED CROSS; walk-in donors are welcome, but appointments take priority; please bring non-perishable items for the Harvey Kornblum Food Pantry: canned fruit, tuna, peanut butter, mac & cheese, cereal.
- **Carry-Out Pizza Night (Wednesday, January 19)**
- **Dine-In Pizza Night (Sunday, Jan 30, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm)** - Please volunteer to help
- **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 Sisterhood Meeting and Lunch (No meeting in Jan.)** - Next date: Tues., February 15)
- **'Movies After Dark' (to be scheduled)**

## Kashrus Alert

- **Dole Mixed Berries** - Displays an 'OU' but contains raspberries which are prone to infestation; packaging is being revised.
- **Planters Nutrition Omega-3 Mix** - This certified product contains dairy ingredients as shown on ingredient list, but dairy designation was inadvertently omitted. Future packaging will be revised.

## Meetings

- **Board of Directors Meeting - Tuesday, Jan 11**, Maariv at 6:30 pm; meeting at 7:00 pm.
- **Executive Committee Meeting - Tues, Jan 25**; 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 a Shul tribute, call Gloria Waxman at 314-872-3296  
For a Sisterhood tribute, call Phyllis Silverman at 314-434-2482
- **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 Pre-Paid Cash-Cards; call Scrip and Cash-Card Mavens Janet Haber at 567-7406 or Bert Zakroff at 220-0674 for details.
- **More Free Money - Enjoy Freshly Baked Challa, Cakes & Rugelach, and Support NHBZ at the same time!** - 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](mailto: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, or you-name-it.



# 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 Va'eira

December 31, 2010

24 Teves 5771

## Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates



In a recent NFL game Buffalo Bills wide receiver Steve Johnson dropped an easy, game-winning touchdown pass in overtime. After the game, Johnson tweeted: I PRAISE YOU 24/7!!!!!! AND THIS HOW YOU DO ME!!!! YOU EXPECT ME TO LEARN FROM THIS??? HOW???!!! ILL NEVER FORGET THIS!! THX THO.

Many in the sporting world and beyond were stunned by Johnson's passive-aggressive challenge to G-d.

My hotline to Heaven is currently in the shop. But if it were working, I'm certain the conversation would go something like this:

Me: "Master of the Universe, Steve Johnson said that the dropped pass was Your fault, and he doesn't know what to learn from the experience. What shall I tell him?"

G-d: "Tell Steve -- next time, keep your eye on the ball."

## Parshas Va'eira Exodus 6:2 - 9:35



G-d assures Moses that He will indeed redeem the Jewish people from slavery and bring them into the land of Israel. After the Torah presents a detailed genealogy of the tribe of Levi (Moses' family), Moses and Aaron go before Pharaoh to request a three-day hiatus from work so that the Jewish people can worship G-d in the desert. Moses' staff is miraculously turned into a snake as a sign of their Divine mission. When the Egyptian sorcerers counter by transforming their staffs into snakes as well, Moses' staff swallows up theirs. Even so, Pharaoh adamantly refuses to free the Jewish people, and the series of ten gruesome plagues begins.

The first seven plagues are described in this week's Torah portion; blood, frogs, lice, a swarm of wild beasts, pestilence, boils and hail. Moses goes down to the river to speak to the Egyptian king -- however, Pharaoh remains in denial ('in d'Nile -- get it?') continuing to refuse to free the Jewish people as his heart is hardened. The portion comes to a close in the middle of these momentous events.

## Rabbinical Ruminations

Mark McKee is lucky that a Michigan library isn't charging him a late fee for returning a book 76 years late. In 1934, the 13-year-old Mark McKee checked out "A Dog of Flanders" from a public library. Recently, McKee, now 89, said he discovered the book and returned it by mail. In a letter accompanying the book, McKee estimated that overdue charges would amount to thousands of dollars -- but that when he found the book, he finally decided to do the right thing.

Library Director Donald Worrell Jr. said he was thrilled to get the package, and that McKee doesn't have to worry about a fine. "We figure the story is better than the money," Worrell said. Instead, the library plans to put the book and letter on display and to send a fresh copy of the book to McKee.

Why did Mark McKee, who is now a winter resident in Arizona, decide to return the book? In his letter to the library he wrote, "My conscience took over."

Our moral conscience, known in Hebrew as the *yetzer tov*, is our spiritual compass that always points north -- to the Almighty. All people were created with an intuitive recognition of right and wrong. The heart of the Jewish understanding of free will is that we have the ability to choose to follow our *yetzer tov*, and we will all be held responsible for the choices we make. Mark McKee is now sleeping better at night -- because there is no pillow so soft as a clear conscience.

## Quote of the Week

"When nothing seems to help, I go look at a stone cutter hammering away at his rock perhaps a hundred times without as much as a crack showing in it. Yet at the hundred and first blow it will split in two, and I know it was not that blow that did it, but all that had gone before" -- Jacob Riis. Danish-American social reformer and journalist, 1849 - 1914



## Joke of the Week

The Cohen family was on good terms with their Christian neighbors, the O'Briens. In fact, little Yaakov Cohen and Christopher O'Brien from next door would play together from time to time. Or at least they used to.

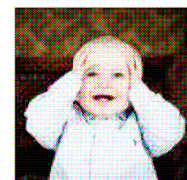
One late December day, Duncan O'Brien, the non-Jewish father, came storming into the Cohen house holding poor Yaakov by the ear. "Your son is not going near my Chris again; he just has no respect for us and our religion!"

"What's the matter; what did he do?" inquired Mr. Cohen.

"I'll tell you," said Duncan in a rage. "He saw our Christmas tree and started making fun."

"Really, what did he say?" continued Mr. Cohen.

Duncan said, "He saw our tree and started asking all sorts of ridiculous questions - what kind of pine trees can be used for a Christmas tree? What's the minimum required height? How close to the window does it need to be? Do too many decorations render it unfit? What if it's under a neighbor's balcony?!"



OYVEY!

(thanks to Menachem Szus for the joke)

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Mazel Tov  
On Simchas this week!  
January 1 - 7, 2011 !

Happy Birthday

Dena Perez  
Mickey Wasserman  
Avraham Smason  
Nina Levine  
Roslyn Litwin

Happy  
Anniversary

None this week

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Call the office to volunteer: 314-991-2100

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