



# NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

January 22, 2011

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## Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

Torah Portion Yisro:  
Haftorah:

Shemos 18:1 - 20:23  
Isaiah 6:2 - 7:6, 9:5 - 9:6

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### Today

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:
  - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
  - Shacharis: **Ron Makovsky**
  - Leyning: **Michael Shapiro**
  - Haftorah: **Fabian Attoun**
  - Sermon: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
  - Musaf: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
- **Learners Service** (10:30 am) - Led by *Rabbi Chanan Swidler* 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*.
- **Parshas Yisro** - In the normal course of the reading of the Torah, the Ten Commandments are read twice a year: in *parashas Yisro* and in *parashas Va'eschanan*. The Ten Commandments were given by HaShem Himself, and they contain the essence of the entire Torah - the main principles necessary for the survival of the Jewish people, both religiously and ethically. Tradition teaches that **all** the commandments can be found in the Ten Commandments. The commandments make Judaism more than a mere religious philosophy. It is a way of life involving action and observance, rather than a mere confession of faith. It is a widespread custom for the congregation to stand while the Ten Commandments are being read.
- **Kiddush** (following Musaf) - Thanks to **"POP"-STAR** of the week *Marian Walters* for sponsoring soda in honor of her new great-grandson, *Reed William Zarkowsky!*
- **Shabbos Study Group** (4:05 pm) - Studies in Tanach, lead by *Menachem Szus*; everyone at any level of learning is welcome.
- **Boys' Mishna Study Group** (4:05 pm) - With *Rabbi Smason*, for boys ages 10-17.
- **Mincha / Shalosh Seudos / Maariv** (4:35 pm)
- **Shabbos concludes** (5:57 pm)



### This Week

<b>Davening Times</b>	Shabbos Jan. 22	Sun. Jan. 23	Mon. Jan. 24	Tues. Jan. 25	Wed. Jan. 26	Thur. Jan. 27	Fri. Jan. 28	Shabbos Jan. 29
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	4:35 pm	4:50 pm	4:50 pm	-	-	-	4:50 pm	4:40 pm
Maariv Only	-	-	-	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	-	-

- **Sunday Learning** (tomorrow, Sunday Jan 23, 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** (tomorrow, Sunday Jan 23, 9:15 am - 9:45 am) - Guest teacher this Sunday is *Rabbi Gershie Meisels*; for young men and women in *Rabbi Smason's* office.
- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** (Wednesday, Jan 26, 12:15 pm) - 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 each Wednesday.

## This Week (con't.)

- **Buy and Use Your Pre-Paid Cash Cards** (Next Order Days are Jan 30 and Feb 15) - Earn free money for NHBZ. Order your cards this week! You pay with Cash Cards just like cash in hand!

## Coming Events

- **Dine-In Pizza Night** (Sunday, Jan 30, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm) - Please volunteer to help
- **Morris Lenga Yiddish Club** (First Thursday, February 3, 7:00 pm)
- **Lunch & Learn and Installation Shabbos** (Saturday, February 5)
- **Irvin Alper Social Club** (Sunday, February 6, 5:00 pm) - Everyone is welcome to join us for a dinner of pasta, garlic bread, salad, beverage and dessert, followed by the movie "Kipper" featuring Israeli actors. Cost is \$7.00 per person. Reservations are a must - call Ruth Alper at 314-569-2877.
- **'Movies After Dark'** (Saturday, February 19) - featuring the movie "A Stranger Among Us"
- **Carry-Out Pizza Night** (Wednesday, February 16) - Call in your order by Noon on Wednesday.
- **NHBZ Sisterhood Meeting and Lunch** (No meeting in Feb.) - Next date: Tues., March 15)
- **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group** (No meeting in Feb) - Next date is Tuesday March 1. Topic is "The Ten Constant Mitzvos."
- **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.

## Kashrus Alert

- **Suntree Hickory Smoked Almonds** - contains dairy ingredients as listed on ingredient panel but the dairy designation was inadvertently omitted; future packaging will be revised.

## Meetings

- **Executive Committee** - Tues, Jan 25; Maariv at 6:30 pm; meeting at 7:00 pm.
- **Board of Directors** - Tuesday, Feb 8; 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  
For Libby Needle Fund, call Sally Needle at 314-991-2575
- **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.
- **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 Yisro

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## Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates



So rare is the man of truth that legend has the aged Diogenes searching for him with lanterns. A more recent story is told of a man who purchased a hat in a Boro Park store. A few days later, he returned there to have his initials stamped into the hat. The owner recognized him as the man who had bought the hat a few days earlier, and promptly gave him five dollars. "I'm so glad you came back," he said. "After you bought your hat, we received a notice from the supplier that we had been quoted the wrong price, and the hats were actually cheaper than we were first told. I had charged you based on the wrong price. The actual price should have been five dollars less!" The man's joy at being able to do the right and honest thing was tangible.

A rabbi who heard this story was so excited by this rare display of truthfulness and honesty that he immediately called a close friend of his to relate what occurred. Listening to the story, his friend responded perceptively, "Isn't it sad that we live in a generation for which this is such a rare and beautiful story." When one who is honestly mistaken hears the truth, he will either quit being mistaken, or cease to be honest.

## Parshas Yisro: Exodus 18:1 - 20:23



Yisro begins with Moses' father-in-law, Yisro, arriving at the Jewish people's camp in the desert, where he is greeted warmly by a large entourage. Yisro was inspired to join them when he heard about all of the wonders and miracles which G-d performed for the Jewish people during the exodus from Egypt. Upon witnessing Moses serving as the people's sole judge from dawn until dusk, Yisro declares that this system will never work. He therefore suggests that subordinate judges be appointed to adjudicate the lower cases. Moses agrees to this plan.

The Jewish people arrive at Mt. Sinai (the mountain, not the hospital) and prepare to receive the Torah. Moses ascends the mountain and G-d tells him to convey to the people that they will be to Him a treasure from amongst the nations. After three days of preparation, the appointed moment of revelation finally arrives. Amidst thunder, lightning and the sound of the shofar, G-d descends upon the mountain and proclaims -- with the entire Jewish people listening -- the Ten Commandments. Moses then ascends the mountain to receive the remainder of the Torah from G-d, both the written and oral segments. The portion concludes with several mitzvos concerning the construction of the altar in the Temple.

## Rabbinical Ruminations



Against all odds, all of the children of Carol and Rollie Camis (USA) were born on the same day, February 20: Catherine in 1952, Caroline in 1953, Charles in 1956, Claudia in 1961 and Cecilia in 1966. The chances that 5 siblings will be born on the same day are about 1 in 18 billion, which is a number 3 times the number of

people in the world. The 29th of February falls once every 4 years. Against all odds, the 3 children of the Anderson family (Norway) were all born on February 29: Heidi (1960), Olav (1964) and Martin (1968). On July 4, American Independence Day, Ralph Williams was born in North Carolina. Against all odds, his father, grandfather and great-grandfather were all born on the same day.

Over 300 years ago, King Louis XIV of France asked Blaise Pascal, the famed Christian philosopher, to give him proof of G-d. Pascal answered, "Why, the Jews, your Majesty, the Jews!"

That the Jewish nation — a tiny group of people — has survived two thousand years of exile and persecution is nothing short of a supernatural phenomenon. Pascal wasn't the only one amazed by the survival of the Jewish people. Other thinkers, philosophers and historians have noticed something unusual about the Jews. Mark Twain, an agnostic and self-acknowledged skeptic, penned this in 1899 in Harper's Magazine: "All things are mortal, but the Jew. All other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?"

In the Torah, G-d promised that we will always survive. Attaching oneself to the Jewish people, or to some significant part of it, means attaching oneself to eternity. We are an *Am Olam*, an eternal people. And we're still here -- against all odds.

## Quote of the Week

"Get it all on record now - get the films - get the witnesses - because somewhere down the road of history some b\*\*\*\*\*d will get up and say that this never happened" -- Dwight D. Eisenhower, upon finding victims of the death camps in WW II



## Joke of the Week

A foreign chieftain flew to the United States to visit the President. When he arrived at the airport, he was met by a host of newsmen and television cameramen. One of the reporters asked the Chief if he had a comfortable flight. The Chief made a series of weird noises...."screech, scratch, honk, buzz, whistle, z-z-z-z"...and then added in perfect English, "Yes, I had a very nice flight."

Another reporter asked, "Chief, do you plan to visit the Washington Monument while you're in the area? The Chief made the same noises..."screech, scratch, honk, buzz, whistle, z-z-z-z"...and then said, "Yes, and I also plan to visit the White House and the Capitol Building." "Where did you learn to speak such flawless English?" asked the next reporter.

The Chief replied, "Screech, scratch, honk, buzz, whistle, z-z-z-z...from the short-wave radio."



**OYVEY!**

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@gmail.com](mailto:Pepshort613@gmail.com). Care to know more about Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Congregation? Check us out at [www.nhbz.org](http://www.nhbz.org). If you enjoyed Beyond Twelve Gates, please share with a friend. Thanks to Alan Haber for his help in distributing BTG.

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**Mazel Tov**  
**On Simchas this week!**  
**January 22 - 28, 2011 !**

**Happy Birthday**

**Abe Dobin**  
**Chaim Faden**  
**Goldie Hogan**  
**Evelyn Marbain**  
**Rachael Pevnick**  
**Steve Weiner**

**Happy Anniversary**

**None this week**

**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**

*Did you know?*  
**Learner's Service**  
**Join us every Shabbos**  
**10:30 am - 11:30 am in the NHBZ Chapel**

Deepen your understanding of the Shabbat Synagogue Service. Our Learner's Service includes singing and a lively discussion of the structure and meaning of our prayers. It is ideal for both the novice and the experienced. All are cordially invited -- bring your curiosity and questions!

**Led on alternate weeks by**  
**Rabbi Chanan Swidler of Aish HaTorah**  
**and educator Jonathan Stern**

**Remember the date:**  
**February Lunch & Learn and**  
**Installation Shabbos will be held on**  
**Shabbos, February 5**

The Central Agency of Jewish Education,  
 the Jewish Community Center  
 and the St. Louis Rabbinical Association  
*present*

**"Journey to the Heart of the Matter:  
 Festival of Jewish Life"**

January 29 - February 3  
 Staenberg Family Complex,  
 Arts & Education Building

One series of sessions for this event will be  
**"Bringing Blessing into Your Life:  
 Beit Midrash"**

What are the blessings of life, how can we learn to embrace opportunities to bring an aura of blessing into our lives? Community Rabbis will discuss the challenges and encourage us to embark upon a process to elevate our spirit by examining the blessings that are the wonders and miracles of life.

**Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**  
**will lead the session on**  
**Monday, January 31, 9:00 am - 10:00 am**  
*see festivalofjewishlifestl.com for details*



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

**Lion's Den DINE- IN Pizza Night**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 30 !!**  
**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

**NEXT CARRY-OUT NIGHT IS FEBRUARY 16**

**New Wednesday Lunch 'n' Learn Topic**

Last Wednesday we introduced a new Lunch 'n' Learn topic: *Pirkei Avos (Ethics of the Fathers)*. Pirkei Avos deals solely with Jewish ethical and moral principles. Please join **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason** for an enjoyable, relevant presentation and discussion each Wednesday at 12:15 pm in the Auditorium.


