



NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

January 29, 2011

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Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

Torah Portion Mishpatim: Shemos 21:1 - 24:18

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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: **David Rubin**
- Sermon: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
- Musaf: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**

- **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 *Sivya Smason*; Boys Jr. Congregation will meet in the Auditorium with *Avrumi Smason*.
- **Kiddush** (following Musaf)
- **Shabbos Study Group** (4:10 pm) - Studies in Tanach, led by *Menachem Szus*; everyone at any level of learning is welcome.
- **Boys' Mishna Study Group** (4:10 pm) - With *Rabbi Smason*, for boys ages 10-17.
- **Mincha / Shalosh Seudos / Maariv** (4:40 pm)
- **Shabbos concludes** (6:05 pm)

שבת שלום



This Week

- **Davening Times**

	Shabbos Jan. 29	Sun. Jan. 30	Mon. Jan. 31	Tues. Feb. 1	Wed. Feb. 2	Thur. Feb. 3	Fri. Feb. 4 *	Shabbos Feb. 5 *
Shachris	9:00 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	6:45 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv	4:40 pm	5:00 pm	5:00 pm	-	-	-	5:00 pm	4:50 pm
Maariv Only	-	-	-	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	-	-

* Rosh Chodesh Friday 2/4 and Saturday 2/5

- **Sunday Learning** (tomorrow, Sunday Jan 30, 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 30, 9:15 am - 10:00 am) - with *Rabbi Smason* for young men and women in the Rabbi's office.
- **Dine-In Pizza Night** (tomorrow, Sunday, Jan 30, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm) - Please volunteer to help
- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** (Wednesday, Feb. 2, 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.
- **Morris Lengua Yiddish Club** (First Thursday, February 3, 7:00 pm) - Join us for a spirited hour filled with Yiddish stories, songs and laughter; seasoned "mayvens" as well as novices are welcome.
- **Installation Shabbos and February Lunch & Learn** (Saturday, February 5) - will be sponsored by the members of the NHBZ Board of Directors, Sisterhood, Irvin Alper Social Club and our friends celebrating Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries in February; Rabbi Smason will install officers and directors, and say a special prayer for the work they will do on behalf of Nusach Hari B'nai Zion; following lunch, there will be a presentation entitled "Include Me: Our Special Needs Children" given by Menachem Szus and Michael Shapiro about their family experiences with their special-needs children.

- **Buy and Use Your Pre-Paid Cash Cards** (Next Order Days are Jan 31 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

- **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.
- **Special Kabbalat Shabbat** (Friday, February 11) - featuring Aryeh Needle.
- **Kiddush Club Shabbos** (Saturday, February 12) - Kiddush will be sponsored, planned and prepared by Sheryl & Bobby Levine and Irwin & Roz Rosen; new "club" is open to all!
- **Carry-Out Pizza Night** (Wednesday, February 16) - Call in your order by Noon on Wednesday.
- **Kiddush Club Shabbos** (Saturday, February 19) - Kiddush will be sponsored, planned and prepared by Bob & Joni Kaiser and Menachem & Linda Szus; welcome new members of the "club"!
- **'Movies After Dark'** (Saturday, February 19) - featuring the movie "A Stranger Among Us"
- **Restaurant Night Out** (Sunday, February 20) - RSVP for the first of a new dinner series at NHBZ, featuring a sit-down upscale 3-course *fleishig* dinner; see picture ad on back page.
- **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

- **7 Seas - Frozen Gravlox Smoked Salmon** - The OU advises not to consume 7 Seas Gravlox Smoked Salmon, since it appears that a non kosher ingredient was used in the product.

Meetings

- **Board of Directors** - Tuesday, Feb 8; Maariv at 6:30 pm; meeting at 7:00 pm.
- **Executive Committee** - Tues, Feb 22; 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.
- **Pratzel's may be closed, but Norma's Bakery is open for business!** - 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 Mishpatim

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Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates

People I meet occasionally raise an eyebrow in surprise when they discover I grew up in Los Angeles. When I jokingly tell them I moved to St. Louis for the weather, they smile - particularly during this cold, snowy winter. However, when we think about it, happiness means more than warm sunny days.



A London-based think tank recently rated the happiest countries in the world. From 110 countries covering 90% of the world's population, Norway, Denmark and Finland were the three top-rated countries -- none of which are known for having Los Angeles-like weather. Consider for a moment: What

does happiness mean to you?

Many feel that happiness is dependent upon having enough money to do what you want and buy what you want. A nice home, food, clothes, car, leisure. Upon further reflection, though, we all know individuals who have all of those things and more but aren't particularly happy. It's possible to be a miserable millionaire in Maui, or to be a person of modest means who is happy and content in St. Louis -- even in January. Upon what, then, is happiness dependent?



"Who is wealthy? The one who is happy with his lot." (Ethics of the Fathers). The ability to count and appreciate your blessings, whatever they may be, is the key to true happiness.

Parshas Mishpatim: Exodus 21:1 - 24:18



Following on the heels of the Ten Commandments, this week's Torah portion deals primarily with civil law. Like the realm of the ceremonial, our worldly and common activities must be infused with holiness and observed carefully. Included among the civil laws discussed

in the portion are; penalties for causing bodily injury to another person and damaging his property; laws regarding borrowers; the mitzvah to show sensitivity to the poor and to offer them free loans; and laws relating to the honest dispensation of justice. After mentioning the mitzvos of Shabbos and Shemittah (the Sabbatical year), the portion continues with a brief discussion of the three pilgrimage festivals -- Pesach, Shevuous and Sukkos.

The Torah then returns to the revelation at Mt. Sinai. The Jewish people declare their commitment to do whatever G-d commands with the famous phrase "Everything G-d has said, we will do and we will listen." The portion concludes with Moses ascending the mountain, where he will remain for forty days and forty nights to receive the rest of the Torah.

Rabbinical Ruminations

Saudi Arabian authorities have announced that they are ready to release a vulture being held under suspicion of spying for Israel. The erstwhile feathered Mossad Agent was apprehended wearing a



GPS transmitter and a ring etched with the words "Tel Aviv University." The GPS and ring were connected to the bird as part of an long-term project by Israeli scientists that follows vultures' location and altitude for research purposes.

The arrest of the vulture came several weeks after an Egyptian official voiced the suspicion that a shark that attacked tourists off the Sinai shore was also acting on behalf of Mossad. The incidents may reflect a growing irrational hysteria among Arabs surrounding Israel's military prowess and the efficacy of its intelligence services, possibly fueled by the Stuxnet virus' success.

Vultures and sharks acting as Israeli secret agents may be as unlikely as the Chicago Cubs ever winning the World Series. On the other hand, while the full effect of Stuxnet isn't fully known, it seems certain that the computer virus did disrupt Iran's nuclear enrichment program. Credit must be given where credit is due. To whom is credit really due? Israel? The United States?



Look upward.

As we read in the Passover Haggadah, "In each and every generation they rise up against us to destroy us. And The Holy One, blessed be He, rescues us from their hands."

Quote of the Week

All my possessions for a moment of time - last words of Elizabeth I - Queen of England (1533 -1603)



Joke of the Week

During World War II, a sergeant stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, gets a telephone call from a woman. "We would love it," she said, "if you could bring five of your soldiers over to our house for Thanksgiving dinner."

"Certainly, ma'am," replied the sergeant.

"Oh... just make sure they aren't Jews, of course," said the woman.

"Will do," replied the sergeant. So, that Thanksgiving, while the woman is baking, the doorbell rings. She opens her door and, to her horror, five black soldiers are standing in front of her.

"Oh, my!" she exclaimed. "I'm afraid there's been a terrible mistake!"

"No ma'am," said one of the soldiers. "Sergeant Rosenbloom never makes mistakes!"



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. 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 help in distributing BTG.

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Mazel Tov
On Simchas this week!
January 29 - February 4, 2011

Happy Birthday

Phyllis Sunshine
Andrew Berg
Milton Tofle
Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

Happy Anniversary
Fabian & Francine Attoun

Show your friends you care - **SEND A TRIBUTE**
Shul: Call Gloria Waxman 314-872-3296
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RESTAURANT NIGHT OUT



Sunday, February 20, 5:00 p.m.

NUSACH HARI B'NAI ZION



presents a new series of
kosher, fleishig, sit-down, upscale, 3-course dinners
this night's menu is

**Unique Salad, Beef with Bordelaise Sauce,
Luscious freshly made Dessert, Beverages;
Cash Bar.**

A relaxing night out to enjoy a leisurely dinner with friends,
prepared by

Chef Melyssa Pupillo of L'Ecole Culinaire!

Reserve a table now! One seating only at 5:00 p.m. RSVP
by Monday, February 14, 314-991-2100. Cost is \$20 per
person, and must be paid in advance. Mark your calendars
for the next "Restaurant Nights Out": April 3 & June 12.

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**PRATZEL'S IS CLOSED,
BUT**

**NORMA'S BAKERY
IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS**

**Every purchase includes a
significant donation to NHBZ**

All baked goods are prepared
in the NHBZ kitchen
under RABBINIC SUPERVISION
of Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

Call Norma Yabeta at
314-398-1044 for details.



**PIZZA
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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**

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