



NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

January 8, 2011

3 Shevat 5771

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

Torah Portion Bo:
Haftorah:

Shemos 10:1 - 13:16
Jeremiah 46:13 - 46:28

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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: **Sid Silverman**
 - 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*.
- **Kiddush-Luncheon (following Musaf)** - Sponsored by *Dr. Susan Feigenbaum, David, Max, Sam & Morissa* to say 'Happy Birthday' to their husband and father, *Dr. Jay Pepose !!*
- **Shabbos Study Group (3:50 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 (3:50 pm)** - With *Rabbi Smason*, for boys ages 10-17.
- **Mincha / Shalosh Seudos / Maariv (4:20 pm)** - Special Shalosh Seudos presentation on 'Jewish-Syrian Prayer and Customs' by *Menachem Szus*.
- **Shabbos concludes (5:41 pm)**

This Week

Davening Times



Please arrive on time	Shabbos Jan. 8	Sun. Jan. 9	Mon. Jan. 10	Tues. Jan. 11	Wed. Jan. 12	Thur. Jan. 13	Fri. Jan. 14	Shabbos Jan. 15
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
Maariv Only	-	-	-	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	-	-

- **Sunday Learning (tomorrow, Sunday Jan 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 (tomorrow, Sunday Jan 8, 9:15 am)** - with *Rabbi Smason* for young men and women in the Rabbi's office.
- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn (Wednesday, January 12, 12:15 pm)** - Insights for daily living from the weekly Torah portion; in the Auditorium.
- **Next Pre-Paid Cash Card Order Days (Jan 14 and Jan 30)** - Buy Cash Cards and earn free money for NHBZ. *Order your cards this week! You pay with Cash Cards just like cash in hand !!*

Next Shabbos

- **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*"

- **Special Shabbos: Shabbos Shira** (*Shabbos of Song*) - (Saturday, Jan 15) - Tradition teaches that there are only *ten true* "Songs" in the history of the world. These true Songs are not mere melodies; *they are expressions of the harmony of creation and mark monumental transitions in history.* The Torah reading for this Shabbos includes one of the ten Songs: the Song of the Sea (Exodus 15:1-18), which was the song by the Children of Israel after crossing the Sea of Reeds. The haftorah for this week includes another of these Songs, the Song of Deborah (Judges 4:4-5:31).
- **Shalosh Seudos** (Saturday, Jan 15) - Thanks to Sid & Phyllis Silverman for sponsoring Shalosh Seudos next Shabbos, January 15, in memory of Sid's beloved parents, Dora and Ely Silverman.
- **'Movies After Dark'** (Saturday, Jan 15, 7:30 pm) - Featuring 'The Shop Around the Corner' (1940) with James Stewart and Margaret Sullavan; 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; please invite your friends.

Coming Events

- **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 (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)
- **Tu B-Shevat (15th of Shevat)** (Thursday, January 20) - The "new year for trees" determines the age of trees for the purpose of tithing. Vayikra 19:23-25 states that fruit from trees may not be eaten during the first three years; the fourth year's fruit is for HaShem, and after that, you can eat the fruit. Each tree is considered to have aged one year as of Tu B'Shevat. It is customary to eat a new seasonal fruit on this day, or to eat from the Seven Species abundant in the land of Israel as described in Devarim 8:8: wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates. Some people plant trees on this day.
- **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)
- **NHBZ Sisterhood Meeting and Lunch** (No meeting in Jan.) - Next date: Tues., February 15)
- **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group** (No meeting in Feb) - Next date is Tuesday March 1.
- **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

- **Bugles Original** - General Mills will be discontinuing the OU-D certification from all sizes of Bugles Original, but packages still displaying OU-D are kosher.



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

- **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.
- **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.
- **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.



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 Bo

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Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates



Not much good can be said about a blizzard and uncollected garbage. Not much good, unless one's name is Vangelis Kapatos. The 26-year-old Kapatos had long battled depression and was struggling with a romantic breakup and his parents' declining health when he suddenly faced

eviction from his childhood home. Feeling his world was coming apart, Kapatos tried to jump to his death on Sunday from his ninth floor Manhattan apartment, but was saved by a heap of trash bags that had gone uncollected since last week's blizzard that dumped 20 inches of snow on the city. He was listed in critical but stable condition.

His aunt, Katharina Capatos, told the New York Post that it was lucky the city had the snow and hadn't cleared the garbage. But was it simply 'luck'?

George Washington Carver said that when he was young he said to G-d, "G-d, tell me the mystery of the universe."

But G-d answered, "that knowledge is for me alone." So Carver said, "G-d, tell me the mystery of the peanut."

Then G-d said, "Well, George, that's more nearly your size."

The Torah (Deuteronomy 29:28) reminds us that "The secret things belong to the Lord our G-d." Such secrets, undoubtedly, as the mysteries of blizzards and uncollected garbage.

Parshas Bo: Exodus 10:1 - 13:6



This week's portion begins with the eighth plague that G-d brings upon the Egyptians as the land is covered by locusts, destroying all the remaining crops. After the plague is removed at Pharaoh's behest, he once again refuses to set free the Jewish people, and the ninth plague of darkness

encompasses the land. When that plague ends, Pharaoh becomes even more defiant about not freeing the slaves, at which point Moses warns Pharaoh about the upcoming tenth plague, the death of the firstborns. The Torah interrupts the narrative here with the first mitzvah given to the Jewish people as a nation -- the sanctification of *Rosh Chodesh* (the new month), beginning with the month of Nisan. G-d teaches Moses about the *korban Pesach* (Passover offering) and the remainder of the laws of the Passover holiday, which Moses then transmits to the Jewish people.

At midnight of the appointed night, the plague strikes, with every non-Jewish first-born dying, including Pharaoh's own son. Pharaoh awakes, running through the streets (presumably while still in his pajamas) to tell Moses that he now consents to send the Jewish people from his country. The children of Israel travel forth in a hurry with the great wealth they have just been given by the Egyptians. The Torah portion concludes with various mitzvos relating to the Exodus.

Rabbinical Ruminations



It was 'The rip heard 'round the world.' In 2006 casino mogul Steve Wynn (born Stephen Alan Weinberg) was offered \$139 million for Picasso's *Le Reve*. Just days before the celebrated 1932 painting was to be transported to its buyer, Wynn accidentally thrust his elbow through the painting while showing it to a group of shocked friends inside his office at his Hotel Wynn Las Vegas.

After a \$90,000 repair, the famous Picasso was evaluated to be worth \$85 million. The purchase was canceled and Wynn kept the famous Picasso, saying that his errant elbow was a sign not to sell the painting. Was Steve Wynn's read of the "sign" accurate -- and was it a "sign" at all?

"Sign" interpretation is a tricky business. Judaism believes in the concept of *beshert* -- certain things are "meant to be." And things certainly happen for a reason. But simultaneously, we're asked to take responsibility for our actions. When we know the specific cause of a human tragedy or otherwise unfortunate occurrence, there is no need to search for divine decrees or punishments. Although we constantly receive messages from G-d, we also have to watch our elbows.

Quote of the Week

Absence diminishes small loves and increases great ones, as the wind blows out the candle and blows up the bonfire.

-- Francois De La Rochefoucauld (French author, 1613-1680)



Joke of the Week

Rebecca was a kindergarten teacher. One day, during her art lesson, as she was walking around the class observing the children while they were drawing, she stopped at little Leah's desk. Leah was working very diligently at her work. Rebecca said, "What are you drawing, Leah?"

Leah replied, "I'm drawing G-d, teacher."

Rebecca paused and then said, "But no one knows what G-d looks like, Leah." Without looking up from her work, Leah replied, "They will in a minute."

(Thanks to Chaya Gent Albert for the joke)



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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 Pepsshort613@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 8 - 14, 2011 !

Happy Birthday

Joel Manesberg
 Nancy Pollack
 Jay Pepose
 Batya Elbaz

Happy Anniversary

Sam & Shirley Bluestein

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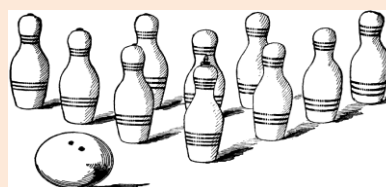
NCSY BOWLING

Don't miss out on all the fun this Sunday!!!
 Join NCSY for an afternoon of Bowling,
 Laser Tag, Billiards, FREE \$10 Arcade Card,
 Unlimited Sodas and
 GREAT FRIENDS AND ADVISORS.

Tomorrow, January 9, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
 At Brunswick XL Lanes in St. Peters.

Cost is \$15 per person.
 IF YOU BRING A NEW NCSYer (Grades 6-8),
 THE COST FOR EACH IS REDUCED TO \$10.
 Scholarships are available.

We will have a limited number of rides available
 from U. City. To RSVP or for more information
 contact Rabbi Mike @ 314-498-6279 or
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