

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion  
Shabbos, March 27, 2010

Good Shabbos to Everyone!

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Bruchim Habayim  
12 Nisan 5770



**DEADLINE for selling CHOMETZ ~  
Monday morning, March 29, at 7:30 a.m!!!**

☆ **Kiddush** ~ Everyone is invited to Kiddush in the Joe Rothman Auditorium following services this morning. Thanks for sponsoring soda today ~ our "POP"-STAR of the week ~ **Boris Yasinev** in honor of his wife, **Alla for her birthday!!!**

If you would like to sponsor or enhance a Kiddush, add something special, sponsor Soda or Shalosh Seudos, please call 314-991-2100, ext. 2, to make arrangements. Your contribution will help our NHBZ Kiddush & Shalosh Seudos Funds.

☆ **Davening** ~ *Parshas Tzav - Shabbos HaGadol*

Sedra: *Tzav: Vayikra 6:1-8:36*; pages 568-586. Haftorah: *Jeremiah: 7:21-28; 9:22 & 23*; pages 1167 & 1168.

☆ **Thank You For Leading Davening:** *Pesukei D'Zimra:* Howard Sandler; *Shacharis:* Dr. Ethan Schuman; *Leyning:* Yaakov Goldson; *Haftorah:* Fabian Attoun; *Musaf:* Dr. Ethan Schuman.

☆ **Jr. Congregations** Jr. Congregations will be held this morning at 10:30 a.m., Girls Jr. Congregation and younger children will meet in the Chapel with **Sivya Smason**. Boys Jr. Congregation will meet in the Auditorium with **Avrumi Smason**.

☆ **Mincha:** We will daven Mincha today at 6:45 p.m. Shabbos will conclude at 8:04 p.m.

☆ **Shacharis, Mincha and Maariv ~ Shabbos, March 27 through Friday, April 3:**

**All Minyanim** will be held in the Chapel in the main building, until further notice.

	<i>Shabbos</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Shacharis	8:45	8:00	6:45	☆8:45	☆8:45	☆☆6:45	☆☆6:45
Mincha/Maariv	6:45	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00
				☆First Days of Pesach		☆☆Chol Hamoed Pesach	

☆ **SELL YOUR CHOMETZ** Well, it is officially the **LAST MINUTE!!!** You can make an appointment to meet personally with Rabbi Smason during the day Sunday, or you can sell your chometz to Rabbi Smason at minyan; or call Rabbi Smason, 314-749-5271, so he can add your name (and place of business) to our list. Please make checks payable to the Rabbi's Charity Fund. The **ABSOLUTE DROP DEAD DEADLINE - THIS Monday, March 29 at 7:30 a.m.**

☆ **Moas Chittim** ~ Each year, the Vaad Hoeir conducts its Moas Chittim campaign to assist our people in Israel and our own St. Louis community who need our help to properly celebrate Pesach. Make checks payable to **Vaad Hoeir Moas Chittim**. Send checks to the Vaad Hoeir - Notation: from Nusach Hari B'nai Zion; or send them to our office and we will forward them to the Vaad.

☆ **Sponsors for Pesach Kiddushim** ~ We have our core group of donors who have generously sponsored our kiddushim every Pesach for many, many years, and we are very grateful to them. ALL OF OUR REGULARS are on board for this year!!! A very big thank you to **Jeff Baker, Murray Baker, Sam & Shirley Bluestein, Morris & Shirley Fredlich, Vic Grossman, Irwin & Roz Rosen, Marvin Schneider, Dr. Milton Tofle, and our NHBZ Sisterhood!!** Now, with prices going up-up-up, we are seeking additional sponsors to help with the expenses. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!! **Thanks to Gary & Trudy Sudin who have stepped forward to give a very generous donation toward the Kiddush on the second day of Pesach. Thanks also to Bob & Sandie Abrams and Ron & Ina Makovsky for donations to the Pesach Kiddush fund.** To sponsor or co-sponsor a kiddush, please contact Rabbi Smason, 314-749-5271.

☆ **Absentee Ballots** This year's elections fall on the last day of Pesach! In order to cast your vote and have your voice heard, you can 1.) Go to the County Board of Elections at 12 Sunnen Dr., Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and cast your vote **OR** 2.) Request an absentee ballot, which you must get notarized and then mail in. To request an absentee ballot call 314-615-1933 **OR** 314-615-1836.

☆ **NHBZ Shabbos Events & Dates to Remember**

☆ **SHABBOS FESTIVITIES, EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:**

☆ Shalosh Seudos will be sponsored today by **Boris & Alla Yasinev** in memory of beloved father, **Moisey Yasinev, י"ג.**

☆ **Ari-Kabbalat-Shabbat** Friday evening, April 16, 7:00 p.m. with Aryeh Needle.

☆ Lunch & Learn on Shabbos, April 17, in honor of April Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries and Yom Ha'atzmaut.

☆ Kiddush will be sponsored by Nusach Hari B'nai Zion on Shabbos, May 1, in honor of the wonderful women of our NHBZ Sisterhood.

☆ A Yom Yerushalayim Kiddush & Lunch will be sponsored by Nusach Hari B'nai Zion on Shabbos, May 8, in honor of the **100th Birthday of Mr. H.H. Bremler**. Thanks to Mr. Bremler's family, including Todd & Sarah Rush and Yerucham & Shelley List, and to our NHBZ Sisterhood for contributing to the luncheon.

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☆ **Ari-Kabbalat-Shabbat & Friday night Shabbat Dinner** May 14.

☆ **SYNAPLEX SHABBAT** Lunch in honor of May Birthdays & Anniversaries - Shabbos, May 22.

☆ **LION'S DEN pre-PESACH PIZZA BUFFET** - TOMORROW Sunday, March 28th!!

☆ **Yom Hashoah** Holocaust Remembrance Day. Sunday, April 11.

☆ **Shul Board of Directors Meeting** Tuesday, April 13. Mincha: 7:00 p.m.; Meeting: 7:30 p.m. - both in the Rear Building.

☆ **Rosh Chodesh Iyar** Wednesday & Thursday, April 14 & 15.

☆ **CARRY-OUT PIZZA NIGHT** Wednesday, April 14. Place your orders by 12:00 noon that day.

☆ **Home Study Groups** Coming up on Sunday, April 18, at the home of **Alan & Janet Haber**, and on Sunday, May 16, at the home of **Drs. Susan Feigenbaum & Jay Pepose**.

☆ **Yom Ha'atzmaut** Israel Independence Day. Monday, April 19.

☆ **Sisterhood's Mixed Company Day** Tuesday, April 20, 12:00 noon.

☆ **Lag B'Omer Pancake Breakfast** Sun., May 2, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Chocolate Chip, Blueberry & Plain Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Robin's yummy potatoes, Fruit, and Smoothies!! We are looking for sponsors to help make this event super successful. Thanks to **David & Heidi Smason** for their very generous pledge! Stay tuned! More details to follow.



☆ **Executive Committee Meeting** Tuesday, April 27. Mincha: 7:00 p.m.; Meeting: 7:30 p.m., both in the Rear Building.

☆ **Kashrus Alerts from the Vaad for Pesach ~ 1.)** Frozen whole and sliced strawberries which did not contain any additives last year, do contain natural flavors this year and are therefore not Kosher for Passover. This affects the Dole brand sold at Sam's Club and the generic brand sold at Costco. This may affect other brands that have not come to our attention - be sure to **check the ingredients on all frozen strawberries**. 2.) Kosher for Passover Dean's Half Gallons of whole milk, 2%, 1% and skim are available at Dierbergs. There will be a "P" within the date code. This milk is not Cholov Yisroel. 3.) Please note that information regarding Metamucil Wafers was listed incorrectly in the 2010 Passover Guide to Cosmetics and Medications published by Kollel Los Angeles and in the Star-K 2010 Passover Directory. The correct information is as follows: Metamucil Wafers are chometz and should not be consumed on Pesach. Please note that all Metamucil powders are chometz free as listed in the guide. Metamucil Coarse Milled Original Texture Unflavored contains no chometz and no kitniyos as indicated in the guide.

## ☆ Learning at NHBZ & with Rabbi Smason

### ☆ Weekly Learning ~

☆ **Boys' Shabbos Study Group** With Rabbi Smason for boys ages 10-14 each Shabbos, **30 minutes** before Mincha. **This Shabbos at 6:15 p.m.**

☆ **Shabbos Study Groups** Each Shabbos at 6:00 p.m. Studying Tanach (currently, Melachim Bet - Kings II) and Pirkei Avos, led by **Menachem Szus**; **Everyone at any level of learning is welcome.**

☆ **Sunday Learning** Mishna Shiur every Sunday. **Rabbi Chanan Swidler**, of the St. Louis Kollel, leads a study of the Mishna following Sunday morning services. Davening at 8:00 a.m. followed by Mishna study.

☆ **Basic Jewish Texts & Ideas You May Have Missed** CAJE's Florence Melton Adult Mini School at Bais Abraham. Structured, 2-year, in-depth class: learn the basics of Jewish history, ethics, beliefs & holidays; text-based course taught on Wednesday nights, 7:30-9:30 p.m. by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**. Contact Cyndee Levy at 442-3754 or [clevy@cajestl.org](mailto:clevy@cajestl.org). Scholarships are available.

☆ **RAP with the RABBI** Teen group with **Rabbi Smason** for boys & girls will resume after Pesach.

☆ **Lunch & Learn** with **Rabbi Smason**, each Wednesday, 12:15 pm, in the rear building. Insights for daily living from the weekly Torah portion. Rabbi Smason will not have the Wednesday Lunch & Learn on March 31st and April 7. Classes will resume on Wednesday, April 14.

### ☆ Monthly Learning ~

☆ **The Morris Lenga Yiddish Club** usually meets on the 1st Thursday of each month, at 7:30 p.m. in the Joe Rothman Auditorium. **Next Date will be the SECOND THURSDAY -- April 8, 2010.** Join us for a spirited & enjoyable hour filled with Yiddish stories and songs, fun and laughter, **keeping Yiddish alive!** Seasoned "mayvens" (experts), as well as novices are invited!!!

☆ **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group ~ "Women of Valor ~ Our Biblical Mothers"** presented by **Rabbi Shaya Mintz**, of the St. Louis Kollel. The group meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month. **Next class Tuesday, MAY 4, 2:30 p.m.**, at the home of **Jackie Berkin**. All women are welcome. Please join us!!!

☆ **NHBZ Chesed Fund** ~ We need friends to visit people needing some TLC. Partner up!! It's easier when there are two of you sharing the mitzvah. Thanks and Yasher Koach to our TLC Teams and individuals: **Jackie Berkin & Sally Needle, Bertha Berman & Phyllis Silverman, Ruth Alper and Moshe Pinto!!** Please join the TLC Team and call **Phyllis Silverman**, 314-434-2482; she will tell you who needs our TLC in hospitals and nursing homes. Want to make a donation? Please send checks to our office, or charge to your credit card -- 991-2100, ext. 2.

MAZEL TOV  
ON SIMCHAS THIS WEEK!  
March 27 - April 2, 2010!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Alan Haber  
Sarah Hirsch  
Lou Osheroff**

*Happy Anniversary*  
**None This Week!**

Show your friends you care ~ SEND A TRIBUTE!  
Sisterhood: Call Phyllis Silverman, 314-434-2482  
Shul: Call Gloria Waxman, 314-872-3296

# Beyond Twelve Gates

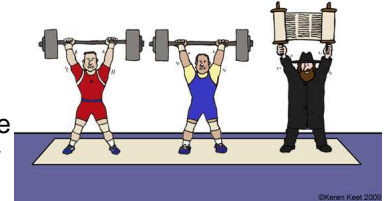
by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

'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. Additionally, there 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.

**Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates.** This coming Monday evening, March 29, begins the major festival of Passover. Passover, known in Hebrew as **Pesach**, is a national birthday party; it was then that the 'Children of Israel' — who later became the 'People of Israel' — began their march through history with the Exodus from Egypt. French author Andre Gide once said, "It is better to be hated for what you are than loved for what you are not." Have the Jewish people been hated? Without a doubt. The **Haggada** reminds us that 'In every generation they arise to destroy us, but the Almighty saves us from their hand.' But what **are** we? Do the Jewish people have a greater purpose? One of our worst enemies, Adolf Hitler, blamed the Jews for "two great wounds upon humanity: circumcision of the body and conscience of the soul." Hitler well understood our national mission; to be a moral and ethical light unto the nations of the world. Passover is the celebration of the beginning of that mission. May you and your families have a meaningful and joyous holiday.

## Parshas Tzav Leviticus 6:1 — 8:36

The portion begins with G-d continuing to teach Moses many of the laws relating to the **Mishkan** service. However, while last week's portion described the **korbanos** (offerings) from the perspective of the giver, this week the Torah focuses more directly on the Kohanim, providing detail about their service. After first describing the maintenance of the fire which burned on the altar, the Torah discusses in detail the various kinds of **korbanos** which Aaron, his sons, and the succeeding generations of Kohanim would be offering. The offerings must be brought with the proper intentions and eaten in a state of spiritual purity. Finally, Moses performs the lengthy consecration service of the **Mishkan**, and Moses anoints Aaron and his sons for their service in the **Mishkan**, in front of the entire congregation of Israel. **Passover begins** on Monday evening, March 29. On the first day of Passover, Tuesday, the Torah reading is from Exodus 12: 21- 51. This reading describes the Exodus from Egypt and the Passover offering. On the second day of Passover, Wednesday, the Torah reading is from Leviticus 22:26 — 23:44. This reading describes journeying to the Holy Temple in Jerusalem on the three pilgrimage festivals (**Pesach, Shevuous, Sukkos**) and the counting of the Omer.



## Rabbinic Ruminations

This Shabbos, preceding Passover, is referred to as **Shabbos HaGadol**, or the Great Shabbos. What is it that makes this particular Shabbos 'Great'? The Midrash states that, in Egypt, Moses was able to convince Pharaoh that the enslaved Jews should have one day a week to rest. This day, Moses argued, would enable them to be more productive than the other days of the week. So, the Jews observed Shabbos while in Egypt, and it was known as "The Day of Moses." Shabbos is, however, much more than a day of physical rest. A 'National Day of Uplugging' was recently advocated by a secular not-for-profit Jewish group to 'unplug' from technology on Shabbos. They suggested that all Jews put down their cell phone, stop the status updates on Facebook, shut down Twitter, sign out of e-mail and reclaim time to slow life down and reconnect with friends, family, the community and themselves for 24 hours. Doesn't that sound like a nice idea?! Contemplating the purpose of existence and what we hope to do with our lives is a central goal of Shabbos. More than simply a day of not working, a person who is truly free will utilize Shabbos to choose their goals and determine their purpose. The Shabbos on the eve of our liberation from Egypt differed from the Shabbos that was "The Day of Moses." This was no longer to be a day of rest for weary slaves, but a day of spiritual uplifting for people who are free. That Shabbos was — just as each and every Shabbos can be — a Great Shabbos. (adapted from **Living Each Day**, Rabbi Dr. Abraham Twerski)

## Quote of the Week

We must all hang together or most assuredly we will all hang separately — *Benjamin Franklin*



## Joke of the Week



Yankel, a Jewish actor, is desperate for work. Finally, he sees a classified ad that says: "Actor needed to play an ape." To his surprise, the employer turns out to be the St. Louis Zoo. Owing to recent budget cuts and the recession, the Zoo can no longer afford to import a real ape to replace the recently deceased one. So until they can, they're prepared to put an actor in an ape suit. In desperation Yankel takes the job. He feels undignified in the ape suit while stared at by the crowds who watch his every move. Gradually, however, Yankel comes to enjoy the attention, and begins to show off by roaring, beating on his chest, and swinging on the trees and vines. One day Yankel swings on a vine a bit too high, and goes flying over the fence into the neighboring lion's den. Terrified, Yankel backs up as far as he can from the approaching lion, covers his eyes and prays at the top of his lungs 'Shema Israel!!!' The lion opens his powerful jaws, and roars the response, "Baruch shem kavod malchuso l'olam va'ed!!!" From a neighboring cage, the panda yells, 'Shut up, you shlemiels. You'll get us all fired!!!" (As told by David Markowitz)

**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@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Pepshort613@sbcglobal.net) or [adarabba@hotmail.com](mailto:adarabba@hotmail.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 assistance in distributing BTG.**

**Ze'ev Smason, Rabbi**

**Aaron Borow, Rabbi Emeritus      Robert Kaiser, President**

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## Pesach Schedule

### March 28      Sunday Evening

Bedikas Chometz (Search).....After 8:06 p.m.

### March 29      Monday, Erev Pesach

Shacharis.....6:45 a.m.

Siyum for First Born.....Following Shacharis

Siyum will be conducted by **Shua Brown**

**Mechiras Chometz (Selling).....By 7:30 a.m.**

Finish Eating Chometz.....By 10:37 a.m.

Biyur Chometz (Burning).....By 11:51 a.m.

Bitul Chometz (Annulling).....11:51 a.m.

Mincha.....7:00 p.m.

Bench Licht Erev Yom Tov.....7:04 p.m.

First Seder.....After 8:07 p.m.

### March 30      Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Pesach

Shacharis.....8:45 a.m.

**Sermon by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**

**Kiddush sponsored by Jeff & Murray Baker**

Mincha.....7:00 p.m.

Bench Licht & Second Seder.....After 8:08 p.m.

### March 31      Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of Pesach

Shacharis.....8:45 a.m.

**Kiddush sponsored by**

**Gary & Trudy Sudin,**

**Sam & Shirley Bluestein and Irwin & Rosalind Rosen**

Mincha.....7:00 p.m.

Yom Tov Concludes.....8:08 p.m.

### April 1/2/3/4 Chol Hamoed: Thurs., Fri., Shabbos, Sun.

Thursday & Friday Shacharis.....6:45 a.m.

Thursday & Friday Mincha.....7:00 p.m.

Bench Licht Friday Night.....7:07 p.m.

Shabbos Morning.....8:45 a.m.

**Kiddush sponsored by**

**Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Sisterhood**

Shabbos Mincha.....6:50 p.m.

Shabbos Concludes.....8:11 p.m.

Erev Yom Tov, Sunday, April 4

Shacharis.....8:00 a.m.

Mincha.....7:00 p.m.

Bench Licht.....7:09 p.m.

### April 5      Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> Day of Pesach

Shacharis.....8:45 a.m.

**Sermon by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**

**Kiddush sponsored by**

**Victor Grossman and Dr. Milton Tofle**

Mincha.....7:10 p.m.

Bench Licht.....8:13 p.m. or After

### April 6      Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> Day of Pesach

Shacharis.....8:45 a.m.

**Sermon by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**

Yizkor.....10:30 a.m.

**Kiddush Sponsored by**

**Marvin Schneider, in memory of Ann & Frank Schneider,**

and by **Morris & Shirley Fredlich**

Mincha.....7:10 p.m.

Pesach Concludes.....8:14 p.m.

## Pesach

Sunday, March 28 Search for Chometz

Monday, March 29 1st Seder

Tuesday, March 30 1st Day of Pesach

2nd Seder

Wed., March 31 2nd Day of Pesach

Monday, April 5 7th Day of Pesach

Tues., April 6 Last Day of Pesach

Yizkor Recited

**FROM THE VAAD:** As a reminder to the public to be aware that just because a product is found in the "Kosher for Passover" section of a supermarket, does not necessarily mean it is Kosher for Passover. Most food products require special certification for Passover. Look for a "P" designation next to the kosher symbol, or specific "Kosher L'Pesach" mention made on the product. Since there are some products on the market that say "Kosher for Passover," but contain **kitniyos** (such as peanuts, beans, peas, similar items from the legume family, corn, bean sprouts, alfalfa sprouts, green beans, mustard, and foods derived from these) or other problematic ingredients, we recommend that consumers use accepted national certifications such as the OV, OU, OK, Kof-K, cRc, Star-K, etc. It is very important to check every label. Local St. Louis supermarkets do not consult the Vaad regarding Passover products. Often they do not even separate Kosher for Passover from Non-Kosher for Passover items. Only Simon Kohn's and Diamants are under Vaad Hoair supervision. Please do not hesitate to call the Vaad office with any questions, especially if you are in doubt -- 314-569-2770.

**Kashrus Note:** The confectioner's sugar sold by Wal-Mart under their Great Value brand is mistakenly labeled Kosher for Passover. The product, although certified kosher for year-round use by United Mehadrin, is NOT certified for Passover use.



**Your house will be  
KOSHER FOR PESACH!  
Come eat with us ~ ~  
NO MUSS ~ NO FUSS!**

**Lion's Den DINE-IN Pizza Night  
TOMORROW - SUNDAY, MARCH 28!!**

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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:  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14**

HOT PIZZA WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU TO  
PICK UP!! OR ORDER AN UN-COOKED PIZZA  
TO FREEZE AT HOME!!

Plain Cheese Pizza ~ \$12.00

Toppings ~ \$.75 each

EXTRA-CHEESE MUSHROOMS

ONIONS TOMATOES BASIL

GREEN PEPPERS SLICED OLIVES PINEAPPLE

PLACE YOUR ORDER ~ CALL SANDIE

314-991-2100, ext. 2

**Deadline to Order: 12:00 noon on APRIL 14.**