

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion  
Shabbos, May 1, 2010

Good Shabbos to Everyone!

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Bruchim Habayim  
17 Iyar 5770



Thank You To Our Sisterhood!!

☆ **Kiddush & Lunch ~ Thank you to our Sisterhood ~** Kiddush & Lunch will be sponsored today by Nusach Hari B'nai Zion in honor of each of you, *the wonderful women of our NHBZ Sisterhood*, and to say "THANK YOU" for everything you do for our shul. You are the backbone and the heart and soul of Nusach Hari B'nai Zion!!! Everyone is invited to join us for Kiddush & Lunch in the Joe Rothman Auditorium following services this morning.

Thank You for sponsoring soda today ~ our "POP"-STARS of the week ~ **Harold & Fran Hoffman!!!**  
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 Emor**

*Sedra: Emor: Vayikra 21:1-24:23; pages 672-695. Haftorah: Ezekiel 44:15-31; pages 1176-1177.*

☆ **Thank You For Leading Davening:** *Pesukei D'Zimra: Howard Sandler; Shacharis: Dr. Ethan Schuman; Leyning: Michael Shapiro; Haftorah: Lenny Alper; 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 7:15 p.m. Shabbos will conclude at 8:37 p.m.

☆ **Shacharis, Mincha and Maariv ~ Shabbos, May 1 through Friday, May 7:**

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

Please note: Shabbos morning services will begin at 9:00 a.m. for the next few weeks.

	Shabbos	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Shacharis	9:00	8:00	6:45	7:00	7:00	6:45	7:00
Mincha/Maariv	7:15	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00

☆ **Monument Dedication ~** for **Sylvia Tettlebaum, I<sup>3</sup>**, beloved mother of Harvey Tettlebaum, next Sunday, May 9, 12:15 a.m., at Beth HaMedrosh HaGadol Cemetery on Ladue Road.

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

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

☆ **Happy Birthday to Mr. Bremler ~** A Yom Yerushalayim Kiddush & Lunch will be sponsored by Nusach Hari B'nai Zion next Shabbos, May 8, in honor of the **100th Birthday of Mr. H.H. Bremler**. Thanks to everyone celebrating with Mr. Bremler by participating with contributions to his birthday luncheon ~ Thanks to **Todd & Sarah Rush, Yerucham & Shelley List, to our NHBZ Sisterhood, Ted & Rachael Pevnick, Miriam Kapelus and Bob & Sandie Abrams.**

☆ **Ari-Kabbalat-Shabbat & Friday night Shabbat Dinner** Another spectacular Friday night with Aryeh Needle to delight you ~ 7:00 p.m. on May 14!! After services, extend your Shabbos pleasure with a delicious, full-course dinner!! Adults: \$18.00; Kids 6-10: \$10.00; Kids 5 & Under, FREE.

☆ **SYNAPLEX SHABBAT** More interesting topics and dynamic speakers to nourish your intellect; then enjoy a wonderful Shabbos lunch in honor of our friends celebrating May Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries on May 22. Services will begin at 8:30 a.m.

☆ **Mazel Tov to Hannah & Happy Anniversary to Joni & Bob ~** Kiddush & Lunch will be sponsored by **Bob & Joni Kaiser** on Shabbos, May 29th, in honor of Hannah's graduation from Ladue High School and to celebrate Bob & Joni's 25th Wedding Anniversary!!!

☆ **Welcome Home Nina & Joey ~** Kiddush & Lunch will be sponsored by **Bobby & Sheryl Levine, Ephraim & Michelle Mufson, Irwin & Roz Rosen** and **Sam & Shirley Bluestein** on Shabbos, June 5th, to welcome **Joey Mufson and Nina Levine** home from the year they each spent in Israel.

☆ **Mother's Day Sunday, May 9th.**

☆ **Shul Board of Directors Meeting** Tuesday, May 11. Mincha: 7:00 p.m.; Meeting: 7:30 p.m. - both in the main building.

☆ **Rosh Chodesh Sivan** Friday, May 14.

☆ **Home Study Group** Sunday, May 16, at the home of **Drs. Susan Feigenbaum & Jay Pepose.**

☆ **Lag B'Omer Pancake Breakfast** Tomorrow - Sunday, May 2, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Thanks to **David & Heidi Smason** for their very generous donation to help sponsor the event. Thanks to Volunteer Workers: **Bob & Sandie Abrams, Don Eisenberg, Susan Feigenbaum, Lisa Goffstein, Alan & Janet Haber, Bob & Joni Kaiser, Bobby & Sheryl Levine, Ephraim & Michelle Mufson, Mark Ragin, Robin Rickerman, Irwin Rosen, Gary & Trudy Sudin, Bert Zakroff, and Alan Zarkowsky.**

☆ **Semi-Annual Shul Meeting ~** at 12:15 p.m., immediately following the Pancake Breakfast!!!

## ☆ NHBZ Shabbos Events & Dates to Remember

☆ **After the Pancake Breakfast** After you have had your fill of breakfast, stop by the Mobil station at Clayton and Baxter in West County to have your car handwashed by none other than **Max Pepose and his Circus Troupe, the St. Louis Arches**. These kids are raising funds for a trip to Israel where they will participate in a "Pyramids for Peace" Program with the Galilee youth circus, comprised of Israeli Arabs and Jews. The car wash will be available until 4:00 pm. If you can't make the car wash, there is a second fundraiser at Barnes and Noble the week of May 23rd-27th. Anytime you buy anything at any B&N store or on-line, 10% will go to the St. Louis Arches, as long as you use the group number ID # 10201416. Let's all get behind **Max** and the **St. Louis Arches** in this worthy endeavor!! Besides - after eating pancakes, who wants to bend over to wash their own car?!!!



☆ **Sisterhood's Mother's Day Luncheon** Tuesday, May 11, 12:00 noon. A delicious luncheon will be served: Tuna & Egg Salads, Sliced Tomatoes, Fresh Fruit, Sweet Raisin Kugel, Special Mother's Day Dessert & Beverages. You'll enjoy the program that will give you a MAJOR BLAST FROM THE PAST when you see and hear the familiar strains of **Yoo-Hoo, Mrs. Goldberg!!!** Gertrude Berg as Molly Goldberg at her best! Gertrude Berg (1899-1966), was a pioneer of classic American radio, one of the first if not the first of her gender to create, write, produce, and star in a long-running hit, when she premiered **The Rise of the Goldbergs**—known later and better as simply **The Goldbergs**—in 1929. She produced skits for her father's Catskills Mountains resort. It was one of those skits, portraying a semi-autobiographical Jewish family in the New York tenements, that Berg soon developed into a fifteen-minute radio program. Berg became inextricably identified as Molly Goldberg, the bighearted matriarch of her fictitious New York family who moved to Connecticut as symbolic of Jewish-American upward mobility. She brought **The Goldbergs** to television in 1949, where it stayed in first-run production for five years.

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

☆ **Shavuot Dinner & Early Bird Learning** Our 4th annual event on Tuesday night, May 18. Buffet Menu: Jackie's French Onion Soup, Teriyaki Salmon, Salad Bar, Pasta Bar, Green Beans w/French's Crispy Onions, Cheesecake, Strawberries and Sugar-Free Pies!!! Davening at 7:45 p.m.; Dinner at 8:15 p.m. followed by Early-Bird Learning classes at 9:45 p.m. Members: \$12.00; Non-members & Walk-ins: \$18.00. RSVP, 314-991-2100, ext. 2. In addition to your reservation for the dinner, please get involved and become a sponsor @ \$20.00 to help offset the costs. Thanks to sponsors already on board: **Bob & Sandie Abrams, Lenny & Fran Alper, Andy & Ellen Berg, Craig & Jackie Berkin, Sam & Shirley Bluestein, Drs. Susan Feigenbaum & Jay Pepose, Alan & Janet Haber, Bob & Joni Kaiser, Bobby & Sheryl Levine, NHBZ Sisterhood, Mark Ragin & Gail Rose, David & Fran Reisler, Robin Rickerman, Irwin & Roz Rosen, Jonathan & Naomi Shanker, Sid & Phyllis Silverman, Gary & Trudy Sudin, Menachem & Linda Szus, and Mayer Taller.**

☆ **Executive Committee Meeting** Tuesday, May 25. Mincha: 7:00 p.m.; Meeting: 7:30 p.m., both in the Main Building.

☆ **Dine-In PIZZA NIGHT** Sunday, May 30.

## ☆ 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 6:45 p.m.**

☆ **Shabbos Study Groups** Each Shabbos one hour before Mincha. **This Shabbos at 6:15 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 [clewy@cajestl.org](mailto:clewy@cajestl.org). Scholarships are available.

☆ **RAP with the RABBI** Teen group with **Rabbi Smason** on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. No class this week. Classes will resume on May 16th.

☆ **Lunch & Learn** with **Rabbi Smason**, each Wednesday, 12:15 pm, in the rear building. Insights for daily living from the weekly Torah portion..

### ☆ Monthly Learning ~

☆ **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!!!

☆ **The Morris Lengua Yiddish Club** meets on the 1st Thursday of each month, at 7:30 p.m. in the Joe Rothman Auditorium. **Next Date will be Thursday – May 6, 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!!!

MAZEL TOV  
ON SIMCHAS THIS WEEK!  
May 1-7, 2010!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Mr. H.H. Bremler**  
**Jonny Rush**  
**Todd Rush**  
**Boruch Smason**

*Happy Anniversary*  
**Charles & Gloria Waxman**  
**Victor & Anna Rose Tendler**

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.** Husbands, if you end up in the doghouse, consider it a promotion. One-third of pet owning, married women said their pets are better listeners than their spouses, according to a recent Associated Press poll. Why do some feel that their pets make such good listeners? In some situations a good listener may be someone who will nod, show concern and understanding, and who will stand by you regardless of the decision you make. Additionally, a good listener won't be easily distracted during the conversation. It's been said that "the first duty of love is to listen." Gentlemen; apparently many of us have been lax in our duty. Bernard Baruch once said, "*Most of the successful people I've known are the ones who do more listening than talking.*" Whether it be a spouse, significant other, relative, co-worker or friend, the quality of our relationships will undoubtedly improve if we become better listeners.



## Parshas Emor Leviticus 21:1 - 24:23

Following the command in last week's portion to be sanctified and holy, Parshas Emor begins by discussing various laws directed specifically to the *Kohanim* and the *Kohen Gadol* (High Priest). Included is the command for the Kohen to refrain from becoming ritually impure through contact with a dead body (except for close relatives) and increased restrictions on whom they may marry. G-d requires those with greater spiritual responsibilities to maintain a higher standard of spiritual purity. Parshas Emor contains two of the most significant mitzvos in the entire Torah; to always be mindful of not desecrating G-d's name, and on the contrary, to sanctify Him at all costs. The Torah goes on to discuss the festivals of the year — Pesach, Shavuos, Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Succos and Shemini Atzeres. The festivals, including Shabbos, are referred to continually as *moadim*, appointed times; they are special days when Jews "meet," as it were, with G-d. The festivals interrupt our ordinary weekday activities and inspire us to rededicate ourselves to those ideals that life is really about. Later, two constant mitzvos maintained in the *Mishkan* are stated: the daily lighting of the *menorah* and the weekly display of the *lechem hapanim* (showbread). The portion concludes with the horrible incident of a man who cursed G-d's name.

## Rabbinic Ruminations

On my return flight from a rabbinical conference earlier this week, I had a chance to leaf through the SkyMall magazine in the seat-back pocket in front of me. I wasn't in the market for a laser-guided pool cue, kaleidoscopic pool cruising fish, or video recording sunglasses that "allow you to discreetly record all that you see." But I was fascinated by the creativity (and expense!) of these gadgets that I'm certain that, for the most part, will wind up in the back of a closet. I was reminded of the quote by American humorist Will Rogers, who once said "Advertising is the art of convincing people to spend money they don't have for something they don't need." Some modern technological devices can improve the quality of our lives. On the other hand, Judaism encourages us to control our consumption and to create an atmosphere in our homes and communities where money and "things" are not center stage. When we emphasize a value system in which spiritual achievements are paramount, our children are much less likely to feel deprived even if their friend does have the latest laser-guided pool cue. Whether you're rich or poor, it's nice to have money. But we should ensure that material possessions — and certainly gadgets — not become the focus of our lives.

## Quote of the Week

Surely something must be terribly wrong with a man who seems to be far more concerned with a Jew building a house in Israel than with Muslims building a nuclear bomb in Iran — *Bert Prelutsky (columnist)*

## JOKE of the WEEK



**OY VEY!** A rabbi was walking down the street when suddenly a strong gust of wind blew his *streimel* (fur hat) off his head. A young non-Jew named Jimmy ran after the hat, caught it, and handed it to the rabbi. The rabbi was so pleased that he put his hand on Jimmy's head and blessed him. Jimmy decided to try out his 'new blessing' at the racetrack with a \$20 bet. He later returned home and told his father about his exciting day. "I arrived at the fifth race," Jimmy said. "I looked at the racing program and saw a horse named Top Hat was running. The odds on this horse were 100-to-1. After the rabbi's blessing, I thought this was a message from G-d. So, I bet the entire \$20 on Top Hat. An amazing thing happened. The horse that was such a long shot won by 5 lengths, and I won \$2,000. In the following race, a horse by the name of Stetson was running. The odds on the horse were 30 to 1. Stetson came in like a rocket. Now I had \$60,000!" "Are you telling me you brought home all this money?" asked his excited father. "No," said Jimmy. "I lost it all on the next race. There was a horse named Chateau, which is French for hat. So I decided to bet all the money on Chateau. But the horse broke down and came in last." "**Hatin French is "Chapeau" not "Chateau," said the father. Tell me, what horse won the race?"** Jimmy answered, "Oh, some horse from Japan named "Yamaka."

*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**

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*Join us on Shabbos, May 15,  
as we hear the inspiring words  
of Rabbi Heshy Kleinman*

On Shabbos May 15 (Parshas Bamidbar) Rabbi Heshy Kleinman will be visiting St. Louis and delivering the drasha at NHBZ during Shabbos morning services at approximately 10:40 a.m. Rabbi Kleinman is the author of **"Praying With Fire; A 5-Minute Lesson-A-Day"** and **"Praying With Fire 2,"** as well as the co-founder of the V'Ani Tefillah Foundation. He is dedicated to increasing awareness of the importance and power of prayer and to providing education, inspiration, and tools for more sincere, powerful and effective prayer; he lectures internationally on prayer and other challenging topics, and is a frequent contributor to the Jewish Observer magazine. Rabbi Kleinman will be visiting and speaking at all the Orthodox synagogues during his brief visit to St. Louis to promote his initiative to strengthen our awareness of and commitment to tefila. **"Praying With Fire" will be available at no charge to the first 30 members of NHBZ who call or email the office requesting a copy.** Additional copies will be available for a charge (to be determined). Rabbi Kleinman's visit to St. Louis is being arranged and sponsored by the St. Louis Kollel.



**PIZZA  
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at NHBZ!!!**

**CARRY OUT NIGHT:  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 12**

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 MAY 12.

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

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

## **Lag B'Omer All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast**

**TOMORROW, May 2, 2010  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon --  
While all the goodies last!!  
1st come ~ 1st served!!**

**Chocolate Chip, Blueberry & Plain Pancakes,  
Scrambled Eggs, Mini-Bagels w/pareve  
"cream cheese" and jelly, Robin's yummy  
potatoes, Fresh Fruit, Coffee/Tea/Juice**  
**Adults: \$10.00 Kids 4-10: \$5.00**  
**Kids 3 & under: FREE**  
**Smoothies: \$2.00**



Thanks to **David & Heidi Smason**  
for their very generous pledge!  
**NHBZ Semi-Annual Shul Meeting**  
at 12:15 p.m. following the pancake breakfast.

## **Big Shabbos Do'n's! Special Celebrations**

*Honoring the Heart & Soul of NHBZ ~*

Kiddush & Lunch will be sponsored today by  
Nusach Hari B'nai Zion in honor of the wonderful  
women of our NHBZ Sisterhood.

**Mr. Bremler's 100th Birthday!** A Yom  
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Bremler.** Thanks to Todd & Sarah Rush,  
Yerucham & Shelley List, our NHBZ Sisterhood,  
Ted & Rachael Pevnick, Miriam Kapelus, and Bob  
& Sandie Abrams for contributing to the luncheon.

**Dear Friends,**

Jerry and I want to thank our friends at Nusach  
Hari B'nai Zion for their prayers and good wishes  
for Jerry's recovery. Special thanks to Phyllis  
Silverman for her calls and offers of help during  
this time. We really appreciate your concern.

Sincerely,  
**Frances & Jerry Cohen**

*To All the Sisterhood Ladies ~~ My Dear Friends!*

I want to THANK each and every one of you who has  
helped me over the years . . . Thank you for your hard  
work, for your support, for your loyalty and, most of all,  
for your friendship. May we all go from strength to  
strength and continue to work for our shul.

With love to all,  
**Rachael Pevnick**