

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion
Shabbos, November 13, 2010

Good Shabbos to Everyone!!

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Bruchim Habayim
6 Kislev 5771



Happy Birthday Miriam!!!

MAZEL TOV to our friends celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries in the month of November! Our celebrants invite everyone to Kiddush & Lunch following Synaplex Shabbat this morning. Special thanks to **Miriam Kapelus** for her very generous donation toward the luncheon today. And thanks to **Miriam's friends** for sponsoring the cake in honor of her 90th Birthday! Thanks for sponsoring soda today ~ our **"POP"-STARS** of the week ~ **Ted & Rachael Pevnick** in honor of Veterans' Day this past Thursday!!! Please be seated and remain seated until Rabbi Smason has made Kiddush, after which we will wash and wait for Rabbi Smason to make HaMotzi before eating. PLEASE REMAIN SEATED AND SILENT while Rabbi Smason makes Kiddush & HaMotzi. If you would like to sponsor or enhance a Kiddush, sponsor Soda or Shalosh Seudos, or add something special, please call 314-991-2100, ext. 2, to make arrangements. Your contribution will help our Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Kiddush & Shalosh Seudos Funds.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY & HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO EVERYONE!!!

☆ *Davening ~ Parshas Vayetze*

Sedra: *Vayetze: Bereshis 28:10-32:3*; pages 144-169. Haftorah: *Hosea 11:7-12:12, 12:13&14*; pp. 1139-1140 through verse 14.

☆ *Thank You For Leading Davening: Pesukei D'Zimra: Howard Sandler; Shacharis: Dr. Ethan Schuman; Leyning: Michael Shapiro; Haftorah: Alex Lyss; Musaf: Dr. Ethan Schuman.*

☆ Jr. Congregations Jr. Congregation for girls and younger children will be held on Shabbos morning at 10:30 a.m. in the Playroom with **Dodi Smason**. Boys Jr. Congregation will meet in the Auditorium, at 10:30 a.m. with **Avrumi Smason**.

☆ Mincha & Maariv: We will daven Mincha on Shabbos evening at 4:15 p.m. Shabbos will conclude at 5:34 p.m. We welcome Rabbi Zev Sirota who will be our guest speaker for Shalosh Seudos this afternoon.

☆ Shacharis, Mincha and Maariv ~ Shabbos, November 13 through Friday, November 19:

	Shabbos	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Shacharis	8:30	8:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00
Mincha/Maariv	4:15	4:25	4:25	No Mincha	No Mincha	No Mincha	4:25
<u>Maariv Only</u>				<u>6:30</u>	<u>6:30</u>	<u>6:30</u>	

☆ Multi-Family Sale!! Yasher Koach to Lenny Alper, Ruth Alper, Francine & Fabian Attoun, Bertha Berman, Esther Gelb, Larry & Shirley Hollander, Ted & Rachael Pevnick, and Anna Rose Tendler for all their hard work during many days and the long hours that went into setting up all the merchandise for the sale.

☆ **THANKS TO ARYEH NEEDLE** for leading the freilich Kabbalat Shabbat services last evening.



Gary Frohlich

☆ **FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBOS DINNER LAST NIGHT** Thanks to our Guest Speaker, **Gary Frohlich, M.S.**, Certified Genetic Counselor from Los Angeles, who spoke on the topic: "Cracking the Genetic Code: Jewish Health & Heritage," the history of typically Jewish disorders, plus the origin of Ashkenazic surnames. We thank the Genzyme Corporation for their generosity in supporting this program for Nusach Hari B'nai Zion. Thanks to **Norma Yabeta** for baking and donating the delicious challas and cakes for the Shabbos dinner last night!!!

☆ *Events & Dates to Remember*

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

☆ **KABBALAT SHABBAT** will be led by the **'Eckhardt Ensemble of Milwaukee'** ~ Baritone, **Joel Eckhardt**, and sons, on December 3rd, and morning services on Shabbos Chanukah, December 4. Joel has sung in musical theatre, opera, and television including performances with Leonard Bernstein in Vienna and at the New Israeli Opera in Tel Aviv. Eckhardt recorded the role of Gaston in Disney's Hebrew language version of "Beauty and the Beast."
☆ **LUNCH & LEARN** in honor of December birthdays and wedding anniversaries will be on Shabbos, Dec. 4th.

☆ **6th Annual KOSHER CHILI COOKOFF - Next Sunday, November 21!!!** It's not too late to sign up!!! Get your team together!! Go to our website, www.nhbz.org, or come to our office for your 2010 entry form and rules. Invite all of your family and friends to vote for your chili as the "People's Choice" and you will win **\$250!!!!** Best Meat, Best Veggie and Best Youth Division winners will each receive **\$75!!!!**

☆ **Movies After Dark!!** Next Motzei Shabbos, November 20, at 7:30 p.m., the first installment of 'Movies After Dark' will take place in the theatre at **Mansions on the Plaza**, 8300 Delmar. We will have the screening of **"The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio."** Rabbi Smason will lead a discussion following the film, and light refreshments will be available. Thanks to Jane Lyss, we'll have the opportunity to see a **monthly** film in this theater, which seats 30. This is a terrific opportunity to enjoy a fun night out, while simultaneously inviting friends who we would like to introduce to NHBZ. Rabbi Smason has seen the film, which he describes as inspirational and enjoyable, and one that is conducive to stimulating a good discussion. Please check your schedule to see if you're available, and invite your friends.

☆ NHBZ Coming Events & Dates to Remember

☆ **Carry Out PIZZA NIGHT** Wednesday, November 17. Deadline to order: noon of that day.

☆ **LION'S DEN PIZZA NIGHT** Sunday, November 28.

☆ **Executive Committee Meeting** - Tuesday, November 30. Maariv at 6:30 p.m.; Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

☆ **Shul Board of Directors Meeting** - Tuesday, December 14. Minyan at 6:30 p.m.; Meeting at 7:00 p.m.



☆ **We are proud to present our Honorees for 2010 ~ Joann Raskas & Ron Rosen.** And a Youth Service Award will be presented to recipients **Alex Lyss and Jack Lyss.** Joann Raskas and Ron Rosen are the benefactors and inspiration of the monthly "night out" that has delighted the entire Jewish community ~ **Our Lion's Den Pizza Night at Nusach Hari B'nai Zion!!!** They donated our very first pizza oven!!! This outstanding good deed launched the project that has surpassed our expectations, and continues to provide a venue for kosher meals & family fun! Alex and Jack Lyss are two extraordinary young men who have immersed themselves in shul life and have endeared themselves to everyone at Nusach Hari B'nai Zion. The list of the good deeds performed by Alex and Jack Lyss is impressive - from regularly **leyning** (reading) the Torah, to choosing a service project for our shul to complete their Eagle Scout program, Alex and Jack exemplify the best in today's youth ~ learning, building and preparing for the future. It is with great pleasure that we give well-deserved **kavod** (honor) to these wonderful people on Sunday, December 12, 2010. We have chosen to create an elegant, elaborate evening at our current location - 8630 Olive Boulevard, to bid a fond farewell in a grand manner to the "old" as we prepare to move into our new home in 2011. You have the Ad Journal order form. **Please help make this a memorable journal for our Honorees with your personal messages and photos, greetings to Joann Raskas & Ron Rosen and Alex & Jack Lyss, your business ads, or your own special thoughts.**

☆ **Shabbat Goodies - Freshly Baked Challa & Sweets!** **Norma Yabeta** will take your orders for Challas and other baked goods prepared at NHBZ; Norma will make a donation to our shul each week - a percentage of proceeds. Norma offers these selections - **ALL PAREVE:** Challas: Medium-\$4.00, Large-\$6.00, Large with Raisins-\$6.50; Whole Wheat Bread: Medium-\$4.00, Large-\$6.00; Best Honey Cake: \$10 (7" x 7"); Best Apple Cake: \$10 (7" x 7"); Super Moist Double Chocolate Bundt Cake with Chocolate Chips!: \$10.00; Norma's Special Occasion Whiskey Kiddush Cake made with plenty of Real Whiskey!: \$20.00. Call Norma on her cell phone: 314-398-1044; or email her at lemuriana999@hotmail.com. **Orders must be placed by 12:00 noon on Wednesdays.**



☆ **NCSY News NCSY GOES TO THE MOVIES!!!!** Come experience the release of the new Harry Potter Movie on Saturday Night, November 20th. The movie begins at 7:30 p.m. (plan to arrive @ 7:00). Tickets at \$9 for kids 12 and under; \$11 for kids and teens over 12. Tickets may be ordered by calling or texting 314-498-6279, or email RovinskyM@ncsy.org. Limited tickets are available so **ORDER SOON!!!!!!!**

☆ **Circus Kids ~** A movie that will wet your appetite for chili! The St. Louis Arches - the children's circus that **Max Pepose** is part of - will be featured in "Circus Kids," a film showing next Sunday, November 21st at 1:30 pm at the Hi-Pointe as part of the St. Louis Film Festival. The film depicts the St. Louis Arches' first trip to Israel to perform with the Galilee Circus comprised of Arab and Jewish kids and led by Rabbi Marc who visited our congregation a few years ago. You can purchase tickets at the box office or at www.circusharmony.org. **Come watch Max flip down the red carpet and answer questions after the movie before you head to NHBZ's chili tasting event!!**

☆ 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 3:45 p.m.**

☆ **Shabbos Study Group** Each Shabbos before Mincha. **This Shabbos at ????? 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 Aish HaTorah, leads a study of the Mishna following Sunday morning services. Davening at 8:00 a.m. followed by Mishna study.

☆ **RAP with the RABBI** Teen Group with **Rabbi Smason** meets Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in his office.

☆ **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** Wed., 12:15 pm, in the auditorium. Insights for daily living from the weekly Torah portion.

☆ Monthly Learning ~

☆ **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 Thursday, December 2nd, 7:30 p.m.** 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 first Tuesday of the month. **Next class Tuesday, December 7th, 2:30 p.m.,** at the home of **Jackie Berkin.** All women are welcome. Please join us!!!

☆ **Melton Classes Rabbi Smason's Classes: Purposes:** Essential Concepts of Jewish Life & Thought. Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the Jewish Federation Building. For information and registration call CAJE, 432-0020.

☆ **Cell Phones, Chargers & Ink Jet Cartridges ~ A Green Fund Raiser!** We are starting a new, on-going fund raiser with Planet Green Recycling, to recycle cell phones with batteries and chargers, and ink jet cartridges **in a safe way.** We can earn \$500-\$750-\$1,500+ per month! Please don't only think of your personal cell phones and ink jet cartridges. Collect these items from your business, places you work, and people you work with. And put on your thinking caps and come up with friends and other places that would be happy to give these items to you so they are disposed of safely.

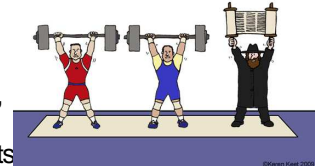
Beyond Twelve Gates by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

'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 past Sunday more than 40,000 runners participated in the New York City Marathon. Edison Pena finished more than three and a half hours behind the champion. Yet Pena, one of 33 Chilean miners entombed in a collapsed mine for 69 days, won the hearts of spectators with an inspiring effort. Pena, 34, trained during his confinement, running each morning and afternoon in steel-tipped electrician's boots that he cut down to ankle-high shoes. He ran back and forth along a 1,000-yard path inside the mine. Marathon organizers who learned of Pena's subterranean exercise routine had invited him to come to New York to watch the race. They were shocked when he asked to run instead. While running through the dark, hot passageways of the mine, Pena said, "I thought, I was going to beat destiny. I was saying to that mine, 'I can outrun you.' I am going to run till you're tired and bored of me, and I did it. The message here is, I found a way to run. I didn't say, 'I can't.'" The road to success is littered with many tempting parking places. When life says, "Give up," whisper back — as Edison Pena did — "I'm going to try it one more time."



Parshas Vayeitzei Genesis 28:10 — 32:3 Jacob escapes from his wicked brother Esau and travels to Charan, where he will stay with his uncle Laban. While spending the night at the future site of the Temple, G-d appears to Jacob in a dream. Rich in symbolism and meaning, the dream depicts a ladder extending from heaven to earth upon which angels are ascending and descending. After arriving in Charan, Jacob meets Laban's daughter Rachel and agrees to work for Laban for seven years for her hand in marriage. When the wedding night finally arrives, Laban deceives Jacob by substituting his older daughter Leah in Rachel's place. After waiting a week, Jacob marries Rachel also, but not without being forced to commit to another seven years of labor. Over the next few years Rachel remains barren, while Leah gives birth to six sons and a daughter, and Bilhah and Zilpah (the maidservants of Rachel and Leah respectively) each have two sons with Jacob. Finally Rachel also has a son, Joseph. Jacob becomes very wealthy during his twenty-year stay with Laban, even though his father-in-law continually tries to swindle him. After seeking counsel with his wives, Jacob and his family flee from Laban, who pursues and confronts him, upset that he left without saying goodbye and arrogantly claiming that Jacob stole his idols. Eventually they sign a peace treaty and part ways.



Rabbinic Ruminations The story is told of a rabbi who accepted a position in a new town. Some weeks after he arrived he had an occasion to ride the bus. When he sat down, he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him too much change. As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, "You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it." Then he thought, "Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter. Who would worry about this small amount? Anyway, the bus company gets too much fare; they'll never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from G-d' and keep quiet." When his stop came, the rabbi paused momentarily at the door, handed the quarter to the driver and said, "Here, you gave me too much change." The driver, with a smile, replied, "Aren't you the new rabbi in town?" "Yes," the rabbi replied. "Well, I've been thinking recently about going to synagogue. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I'll see you in shul on Shabbos." When the rabbi stepped off the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on, and said, "Oh, **Rebbono Shel Olam** (Master of the Universe), I almost sold a Jew for a quarter." There are important lessons to be learned from this story. First, while the Torah contains 613 commandments, one accurate indicator of true religiosity is honesty. Many great people have stumbled due to temptations surrounding money. Second, to the extent we are identified by others as being Jewish, we wear the name of G-d. Jews and non-Jews alike observe us, and view us as representatives of Judaism and of G-d, Himself. So, be careful when you're driving or waiting in line at the store; G-d is watchingand so are many others.

Quote of the Week ~ Bill Veeck

Late Major League Baseball Owner ~
Chicago White Sox, Cleveland Indians & St. Louis Browns
It's not the high price of stardom that bothers me.
It's the high price of mediocrity —



Joke of the Week



Mendel Kravitz, eighty-four years old, was hit by a car and lay bleeding on the sidewalk. A policeman arrived on the scene and, glancing at the victim, immediately called for an ambulance and a priest. The priest arrived first, and bending over Kravitz, he asked, "Do you believe in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost?" Kravitz lifted up his head, opened his eyes wide, and turned to the crowd that had gathered round him. "I'm laying here dying and he's asking me riddles!"

OY VEY!

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 assistance in distributing BTG.

Ze'ev Smason, Rabbi

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Mazel Tov

ON SIMCHAS THIS WEEK
November 13-19!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kenny Bressler
Jordan Marbain
Joey Mufson
Sally Tofle

Happy Anniversary
Daniel & Brooke Zarkowsky!

Show your friends you care ~ SEND A TRIBUTE!
Shul: Call Gloria Waxman, 314-872-3296
Sisterhood: Call Phyllis Silverman, 314-434-2482
Libby Needle Fund: Sally Needle, 314-991-2575

WELCOME TO SYNAPLEX SHABBAT

Learner's Service from 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Led by Rabbi Chanan Swidler and Jonathan Stern

Synaplex sessions start at 11:00 a.m.:

JEW & MUSIC

Led by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

CLASSICAL INSIGHTS INTO CHANUKAH

Led by Rabbi Eli Shapiro, St. Louis Kollel

GOING GREEN: Building an Alternative Solar & Geothermal Energy SYNAGOGUE!!!

Led by Rick Hunter, Principal, Microgrid Energy

HOT TOPICS FOR TEENS

Led by Avrumi Smason

TOT SHABBAT

Led by Dodi Smason

ENJOY LUNCH WITH US AT NOON
following the Synaplex Sessions
Celebrating November Birthdays & Anniversaries



PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA at NHBZ!!!

CARRY OUT NIGHT:
THIS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17!!

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 ~ 75c each
EXTRA-CHEESE MUSHROOMS ONIONS TOMATOES BASIL
GREEN PEPPERS SLICED OLIVES PINEAPPLE

PLACE YOUR ORDER ~ 314-991-2100, ext. 2
Deadline to Order: 12:00 noon on NOVEMBER 17

NEXT DINE-IN NIGHT ~ NOVEMBER 28



Mazel Tov!

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To our friends celebrating
Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries
in the month of November

Jeff Baker
Nancy Benson
Rabbi Aaron Borow
Kenny Bressler
Rayna Chervitz
Carly Eisenberg
Shirley Hollander
Miriam Kapelus
Sam Lyss

Jordan Marbain
Ruth Mariam
Mazal Moria
Joey Mufson
Rachel Pollock
Naama Schupper
Carl Sussman
Daniel & Brooke
Zarkowsky

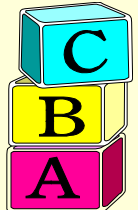
NHBZ Chanukah Helpers!!!

TOYS FOR CHANUKAH



It's time to shop
for the kids
in our community!

TOYS & GAMES
for all age children



Please bring your UN-wrapped,
BRAND NEW gifts to our office by
Monday, December 1

Help the needy children
in St. Louis have a
very happy Chanukah!



First Candle of Chanukah ~ Wed. night, December 1

Do you EAT? Do you SHOP?

Then please remember to use your

Schnuck's e-Scrip Card!!

Easy donations for NHBZ and not a penny out of our pocket!
Just hand your e-Scrip Card to the checker when you check
out. They swipe it, and a percentage of your total is
donated to NHBZ!!! Don't have an e-Scrip Card?
Call Bert Zakroff, 220-0674.