

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion
Shabbos, November 6, 2010

Good Shabbos to Everyone!!

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Bruchim Habayim
29 Cheshvan 5771



Welcome JR. NCSY'ers!!!

★ **Welcome to Jr. NCSY** ~ St. Louis has once again been chosen to host the JR NCSY (Grades 5-8) Fall Shabbaton this weekend, November 5-7, 2010. Welcome to all the Jr. NCSY'ers & Staff. **HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!!!**

★ **Kiddush** ~ Everyone is invited to Kiddush in the Joe Rothman Auditorium following services this morning.

★ **Davening** ~ *Parshas Toldos*

Sedra: Toledos: Bereshis 25:19-28:9; pages 124-143. **Haftorah: I Samuel 20:18-42**; pages 1207-1208.

★ **Thank You For Leading Davening:** **Pesukei D'Zimra: NCSY'er**; **Shacharis: NCSY'er**; **Leyning: Michael Shapiro**; **Haftorah: Michael Shapiro**; **Musaf: NCSY'er**.

★ **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**.

★ **NHBZ Shalosh Seudos** ~ is being sponsored this afternoon by **Bob & Sandie Abrams** in honor of our children, Andy, Loren & Ileana, just because we love them!!!

★ **Mincha & Maariv:** We will daven Mincha on Shabbos evening at 5:20 p.m. Shabbos will conclude at 6:41 p.m.



★ **Daylight Savings Time ENDS Tonight!!** Please remember to set your clocks **BACK** one hour before retiring tonight!!! And, be on time for Minyan tomorrow morning!!! **TIMES LISTED BELOW ARE STANDARD TIMES.**

★ **Shacharis, Mincha and Maariv ~ Shabbos, November 6 through Friday, November 12:**

	Shabbos	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Shacharis	9:00	8:00	★6:45	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00
Mincha/Maariv	5:20	★4:30	★4:30	No Mincha	No Mincha	No Mincha	4:30
Maariv Only				6:30	6:30	6:30	

★ **Rosh Chodesh Kislev**

★ **Shul Semi-Annual Meeting & Election of Officers** ~ Tomorrow - Sunday, November 7, at 10:00 a.m. in the **CHAPEL**; The meeting will begin with a very important presentation from Wendy Rosenblum, of Jewish Federation, regarding the "**Create a Jewish Legacy**" program, and how the Federation will work with us to achieve our goals.

★ **Rosh Chodesh Kislev** ~ Sunday & Monday, November 7 & 8.

★ **We Salute Our Veterans** ~ Honoring and Remembering the Men and Women of the United States Armed Forces and the Israel Defense Force on this Veterans' Day - Thursday, November 11th. **Thank you for your service!**



★ **Events & Dates to Remember**

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

★ **KABBALAT SHABBAT with Argeh Needle** next Friday evening, November 12, 4:30 p.m.

★ **FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBOS DINNER** following services, November 12. Guest Speaker, **Gary Frohlich, M.S.**, Certified Genetic Counselor from Los Angeles, will speak on the topic "Cracking the Genetic Code: Jewish Health & Heritage," the history of typically Jewish disorders, plus the origin of Ashkenazic surnames. Please RSVP for the full course Shabbos Dinner, 314-991-2100, ext. 2. We are very grateful to Genzyme Corporation, for the Grant that allows us to offer the dinner for only \$10.00 per person; Kids 5 & under are FREE!!! We thank Genzyme for their generosity in supporting this program for Nusach Hari B'nai Zion.



Gary Frohlich



★ **SYNAPLEX SHABBAT** Always interesting topics and dynamic speakers to nourish your mind; then enjoy Shabbos lunch in honor of our friends celebrating November Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries on Shabbos, November 13.

★ **6th Annual KOSHER CHILI COOKOFF -**

Sunday, November 21!!! 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!!!**



☆ NHBZ Coming Events & Dates to Remember

☆ **More 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!!!!!!!**

☆ **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.

☆ **Shul Board of Directors Meeting** - This Tuesday, November 9. Minyan at 6:30 p.m.; Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

☆ **Multi-Family Sale!! Yasher Koach to Lenny Alper, Ruth Alper, Francine & Fabian Attoun, Bertha Berman, Esther Gelb, Larry & Shirley Hollander, 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. We will have one more sale day this Wednesday, Nov. 10th.

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

☆ **Executive Committee Meeting** - Tuesday, November 30. Maariv 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 **kovod** (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.**

☆ **NHBZ Shabbat Goodies - Fresh 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 her 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. **DAIRY:**

Ruggelah: Chocolate/Hazelnut or Cinnamon/Fruit: 10 for \$6.00. 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.

☆ **Kashrus Alerts Children's Liquid Tylenol and Motrin** produced in the USA were known to use kosher glycerin, but have been off the market for a few months. Liquid Tylenol is now being imported from a Canadian plant, which informed the cRc that their product contains non-kosher animal glycerin. Accordingly, the product is not kosher and we recommend that you consult with your Rabbi to find out if you may use the product. It is noteworthy that (a) the liquid Tylenol produced for adults does not contain any glycerin and (b) there is a new Triaminic Fever Reducer which contains the same active ingredient as Tylenol and is certified kosher by the OU. **TEleven** is introducing a new sugar free Slurpee flavor called Peach Dragonfruit. This flavor is dairy/cholov stam. Visit the cRc website for a complete list of all kosher Slurpees. http://www.crcweb.org/slurpee_list.php

☆ **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 4:50 p.m.**

☆ **Shabbos Study Group** Each Shabbos before Mincha. **This Shabbos at 5:00 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 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. **No meeting tomorrow.**

☆ **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 Lenga 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!!!

☆ **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. So you didn't plan ahead and got caught without an umbrella? Don't feel bad. Believe it

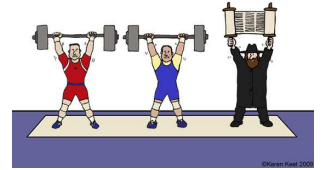


or not, the American government can't locate the original tapes of the first moon landing. The missing tapes recorded Neal Armstrong's famous statement: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," and the first moonwalk that was witnessed by at least 600 million people worldwide. There are back-up versions of the moonwalk, but the original tapes are believed to be of far higher quality than what was seen at the time on televisions around the world.

Stanley Lebar of NASA, who had been in charge of developing the lunar camera, is kicking himself now for not getting a copy for safe-keeping. "I ask myself today, 'Why the heck didn't you think that way back then?' The answer is that I just assumed that NASA was going to do it. But, unfortunately, that was a bad assumption." Dolly Perkins, Deputy Director of the Goddard Space Flight Center, is in charge of the search. She said: "Maybe somebody didn't have the wisdom to realize that the original tapes might be valuable sometime in the future. Certainly, we can look back now and wonder why we didn't have better foresight about this." "Who is wise?" the Talmud asks. "He who discerns what is about to come to pass." It's wise to plan ahead. After all, it wasn't raining when Noah built the ark!

Parshas Toldos Genesis 25:19 — 28:9

Isaac and Rebecca pray to G-d for a child. Rebecca finally conceives, and after a difficult pregnancy she gives birth to twins — Esau and Jacob. Their personality differences soon grow apparent, as Esau turns to hunting while Jacob is pure and wholesome, spending his time studying Torah. Returning from a hunting expedition, Esau finds Jacob cooking a pot of lentil soup. Jacob agrees to give his older brother a portion from the pot of soup in exchange for the spiritual birthright. Faced with a horrible famine, Isaac and family settle in Gerar (the land of the Philistines within Israel's borders) rather than descend to Egypt as his father Abraham had done years before. After experiencing incredible financial success, Isaac comes into continual conflict with King Avimelech over the wells which Isaac dug anew. This pattern of 'success and persecution' has repeated itself throughout Jewish history. Isaac decides to bless Esau as the firstborn. At Rebecca's insistence, Jacob disguises himself as his older brother and receives the blessing of the firstborn (which rightfully belonged to him). The Torah portion concludes with Jacob fleeing from Esau's wrath for 'stealing' his blessing and escaping to Charan to stay with his uncle, Laban, where he is to find a wife.



Rabbinic Ruminations

In his book *I Am a Strange Loop*, noted author and cognitive scientist, came up with a 'scale' for measuring the 'soul level' of different brains: the Huneker scale. It is named after James Huneker, a music critic who said, in the early 1900's that "Small-souled men, no matter how agile their fingers," should not attempt playing a certain piece by Chopin. On the Huneker scale — offered, perhaps, tongue-in-cheek — a being's level of consciousness is measured along a scale from 0 to 100 hunekers; fully-grown human beings with normal intelligence have 100 hunekers of consciousness. Children have something less than that, animals are further down the scale, and so on. Hofstadter even suggests that machines may be capable of consciousness at an extremely low level. As the Huneker scale measures value in terms of intellectual capacity, it is implied that things have more value the more aware and intelligent they are. From the Torah perspective, however, human life is intrinsically and infinitely valuable. Unlike the Huneker scale which asserts that consciousness is the source of life's value, Judaism insists that human life is intrinsically worthy because man was created in the image of G-d. The essence of a person is G-dly, and therefore valuable. Every person counts, and each human life is precious.

Quote of the Week ~ Jackie Mason

I have enough money to last me the rest of my life ~ unless I buy something!



Joke of the Week



OYVEY!

There was the circus strong man who earned his living by displaying astonishing feats of physical strength. His show would normally conclude with a simple, but impressive demonstration of his ability to squeeze a lemon bone-dry. After completing his act, he would then challenge his audience to produce anyone who could extract even one drop of juice from the crushed fruit. On one of those occasions, Wilbur, a very small, thin, man volunteered. He was so small that his very appearance raised a laugh from the spectators. Undaunted, however, Wilbur stepped onto the stage and took from the strong man what appeared to be nothing more than a shriveled up piece of lemon rind. Then bracing himself, Wilbur slowly and firmly compressed his right hand. Every eye was on him, and the atmosphere was electric! A moment or two elapsed, and then, to every one's amazement — and not least the circus strong man — a steady stream of lemon juice flowed down to the floor. As the cheers subsided, the strong man asked Wilbur to come forward and tell the crowd how he had managed to perform such an incredible feat. "Nothing to it," replied Wilbur; and then with a grin, added, "I happen to be a fundraiser!!!"

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.

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MAZEL TOV

ON SIMCHAS THIS WEEK
November 5-12!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Rabbi Aaron Borow
Rayna Chervitz
Miriam Kapelus
Sam Lyss
Mazie Moria
Carl Sussman
Julia Weinhaus

Happy Anniversary
None This Week!

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

SYNAPLEX SHABBAT

NEXT SHABBOS, NOVEMBER 13

Two great options!

Shabbos services beginning at 8:30 a.m.
Learner's Service from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Led by Rabbi Chanan Swidler and Jonathan Stern

Both services will be followed by these break-out
sessions starting at 11:00 a.m.:

JEWS & 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:
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

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.

Señores y Señoras!

People's Choice Winner - \$250 Prize
Best Meat, Veggie & Youth Team Winners - \$75 Prizes

IT'S ALMOST HERE

Nusach Hari B'nai Zionisimo's
6th Annual Kosher Chili Cook-off
JCC Staenberg Family Center
SUNDAY, NOV 21st!!

5:30 p.m.



Get your team! Get your recipe!
Get your entry form!!!

Call 314-991-2100, ext 2



Big Shabbos Doh's!

★Kabbalat-Shabbat & Friday
night Shabbos Dinner Another
spectacular Friday night with Aryeh
Needle to delight you ~ 4:30 p.m.,

Nov. 12!! After services, extend your Shabbos
pleasure with a delicious, full-course dinner at
5:30 p.m.!!! Our guest, Gary Frohlich, M.S.,
Certified Genetic Counselor from Los
Angeles. Topic "Cracking the Genetic Code:
Jewish Health & Heritage," (the history of
typically Jewish disorders, plus the origin of Ashkenazic
surnames). Dinner only \$10/person; Kids 5 & under
FREE!! MUST RSVP 314-991-2100, ext. 2.



★SYNAPLEX SHABBAT November
13!! Always interesting topics and dynamic speakers! Then
enjoy a wonderful Shabbos lunch in honor of our friends
celebrating November Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries.

Examples of name derivations ~ Learn about YOUR name!!

Kaiser: German: from Middle High German *keiser* 'emperor',
from the Latin imperial title **Caesar**. This was the title borne by
Holy Roman Emperors from Otto I (962) to Francis II (who
relinquished the title in 1806). Later, it was borne by the monarch
of Bismarck's united Germany (1871-1918). It is very common
as a German surname, originating partly as an occupational
name for a servant in the Emperor's household, partly as a
nickname for someone who behaved in an imperious manner.

Szus: suss? German (Süss) and Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Suess**.
Jewish (Ashkenazic): from the Yiddish personal name **Zus**, a pet
form of **Sussman**. **Suess** German (Süss) and Jewish (Ashkenazic):
nickname or Jewish ornamental name from Middle High German,
German **süss** 'sweet', 'pleasant', 'agreeable'. Jewish (Ashkenazic):
from the Yiddish personal name **Zusman**, literally 'sweet man'.