



## Happy Birthday Leo!!

☆ **Kiddush** ~ Everyone is invited to Kiddush in the Joe Rothman Auditorium following services this morning. Thanks to **Kenny & Barb Bressler and Family**, and to **Linda & Menachem Szus and Family**, for sponsoring a cake to say **Happy Birthday to their father and grandfather, LEO BRESSLER!!!** And thanks for sponsoring soda today ~ our **"POP"-STARS** of the week ~ **Harold & Fran Hoffman!!!**

If you would like to sponsor, enhance or add something special to a Kiddush, 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 Vayera*

Sedra: *Vayera: Bereshis 18:1-22:24*; pages 79-105. Haftorah: *Kings 2, 4:1-37*; pages 1134 & 1135.

☆ **Thank You For Leading Davening:** **Pesukei D'Zimra: Howard Sandler**; **Shacharis: Dr. Ethan Schuman**; **Leyning: Kenny Bressler**; **Haftorah: Vic Grossman**; **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 **Sivya 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 5:35 p.m. Shabbos will conclude at 6:57 p.m.

☆ **Shacharis, Mincha and Maariv ~ Shabbos, October 23 through Friday, October 29:**

	Shabbos	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Shacharis	9:00	8:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00
Mincha	5:35	5:45	5:45	5:45	5:45	5:45	5:45

☆ **Shalosh Seudos** is being sponsored this afternoon by **Sarah Klein**, in memory of her beloved father, **Yaakov Griner, I"z**,

☆ **Monument Dedications** ~ for **Gregor Braitberg, I"z**, will take place tomorrow - Sunday, October 24, 10:30 am at Chesed Shel Emes Cemetery at White Road, and for **Jeanette Freistein, I"z**, tomorrow - Sunday, October 24, 3:00 p.m. at Chevra Kadisha Cemetery on Page and North & South. This Sunday also presents a unique mitzvah opportunity. Rabbi Smason will officiate at a brief Monument Dedication service for **Dale Hough, I"z**, that will take place at 2:00 p.m. at Chesed Shel Emes Cemetery, Hanley & Olive. Dale was a kind and gentle man who passed away at the young age of 46. Rabbi Smason's acquaintance with Dale dated back almost 20 years. Given up for adoption as a young child, Dale (whose birth mother was Jewish) was always proud of his Jewish heritage and identity, despite having no known Jewish relatives. Through the kindness, generosity and **chesed shel emes** of a number of individuals in our community, we were able to provide a traditional Jewish burial for Dale in February. The monument was paid for with funds from Rabbi Smason's Charitable Account. A respectable showing and minyan at the Monument Dedication Service this Sunday will be an opportunity to bid **tzayschem b'shalom** to Dale in an honorable fashion, and enable us to say kaddish. Men and women are encouraged to attend.

☆ **Monument Dedication** ~ for **Adolph Gelb, I"z**, will be held next Sunday, Oct. 31, 12:30 p.m. at Chevra Kadisha Cemetery.

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

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

☆ **"Friday Night Teen Takeover and Home Cookin"** coming this October 29th at **the Mufsons!** An NCSY-NHBZ event. Davening will be run by the teens for the teens. All high school students invited to join.

☆ **NCSY Shabbaton** St. Louis has once again been chosen to host the 2010 JR NCSY (Grades 5-8) Fall Shabbaton November 5-7. The majority of the activities will take place at NHBZ. We are in need of housing to sleep 200 children and staff. All children will bring sleeping bags so you do not need to worry about beds. (A bed for the staff member would be nice if available.) Each group of children housed will be accompanied by at least one staff person. Our ideal area for housing is Price Road on the west to Center on the east. The closer to NHBZ the more ideal, but with this many children to house we are grateful for all houses open to us. All food will be provided by NCSY. If you are able and willing to house the children or have any questions, please contact Rabbi Mike at [mr@stlncsy.com](mailto:mr@stlncsy.com) or 314 498 6279. We thank you in advance for your hospitality.

☆ **KABBALAT SHABBAT with Argeh Needle** Friday night, November 12

☆ **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.

☆ **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.



Gary Frohlich



## ☆ **NHBZ Coming Events & Dates to Remember**

☆ **The Irvin Alper Social Club** Will meet on Sunday, October 31, at the pizza night -- 6:00 p.m. Come and enjoy dinner at 6:00 p.m.; meet at 7:00 p.m. to play cards or just shmooze.

☆ **Multi-Family Sale!!** TOMORROW, Sunday, October 24th and Wednesday, October 27th. We need helpers to man the "store" and to keep the merchandise looking neat while the shoppers are milling around. This isn't our Rummage Sale of years ago; we have lots of very nice items that are set up beautifully thanks to many, many days of hard work by **Lenny Alper, Ruth Alper, Francine & Fabian Attoun, Bertha Berman, Esther Gelb, Larry & Shirley Hollander, and Anna Rose Tendler.** Please tell Esther Gelb or Ruth Alper when you will be able to help.

☆ **Executive Committee Meeting** - This Tuesday, October 26. Minyan at 5:45 p.m.; Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

☆ **Shul Semi-Annual Meeting & Election of Officers** - Sunday, November 7, at 10:00 a.m.

☆ **Shul Board of Directors Meeting** - Tuesday, November 9. Minyan at 7:15 p.m.; Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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



## ☆ **6th Annual KOSHER CHILI COOKOFF - NEXT MONTH!!!**

Sunday, November 21st!! Get your team together!! Go to our website, [www.nhbz.org](http://www.nhbz.org), or come to our office for your 2010 entry form and rules.



## ☆ **RABBI RIDE-AROUND - RABBI SMASON DID IT AGAIN!!! YASHER KOACH!!!**

Last Sunday, Rabbi Smason completed his 50-mile ride around Forest Park in grand fashion!! You can still give a HIGH FIVE to Rabbi Smason by making a donation to support his great accomplishment!!! Please call our office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2, with your contribution to say YASHER KOACH to our rabbi!!!

## ☆ **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 5:05 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** will meet Sunday mornings 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 ~**

☆ **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, November 2nd, 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 Thursday, November 4th, 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!!

☆ **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! Planet Green is a remanufacturer, so dealing directly with them means cutting out the middle man. Go to [www.planetgreenrecycle.com](http://www.planetgreenrecycle.com) to learn more. And 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.

☆ **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.

### ☆ **Melton Classes ~ Rabbi Smason's Schedule of 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.

## 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.** A boy was sitting by the river fishing. Along came a wealthy man who watched with amazement as every few minutes the boy would reel in a large fish. The wealthy man ran over and said, "My son, you have quite a talent there. I have an idea for you. Take some of those fish you've caught, invest in another fishing rod, and you can catch twice as many fish." "What would I do with all those fish, Sir?" "You could take your profits, buy more fishing rods, and line the bank of this river catching fish!" "What would I then do with all those fish, Sir?" "You could then take your profits, buy a boat, and hire other people to fish while you supervise the operation, make more money, and purchase multiple boats, and catch even more fish." "What would I do with all **those** fish, Sir?" "Well," replied the wealthy man, "you could then hire someone to manage your business, retire, and do what you really want in life." "But Sir," the boy said, "I'm doing that already."

At times we get so caught up in the details of life and making a living, that we don't stop to ask ourselves what life is about, and to savor the blessings we've been given. "Who is truly wealthy? The one who is happy with his lot." (Ethics of the Fathers) We can't do much about the length of our life, but we can certainly affect its length and depth. Live life to the fullest, and enjoy each day we've been given.

### Parshas Vayeira Genesis 18:1 — 21:24

The parsha begins with Abraham's incredible display of **chesed** (kindness) to three angels who appear as men. This, despite his extreme discomfort from his recent **bris milah** (circumcision). The angels declare that Sarah will give birth to her first child at the age of 90 (Abraham would be 100). Later, Abraham pleads to G-d on behalf of the cities of Sodom and Gemorrah. However, the cities are soon destroyed, but not before the angels save Abraham's nephew Lot and his family from destruction. Sarah is abducted by Avimelech, the king of Gerar, who did not realize she was married. G-d responds by striking him with a plague which prevents him from touching her. Sarah conceives and gives birth to Isaac, and Abraham makes a huge celebration. Sarah sees Ishmael (Abraham's son from Hagar) as a menace to her own son's spiritual well-being and asks Abraham to expel Ishmael and Hagar. The Torah portion concludes with the **Akeidah**, Abraham's tenth and final test, in which he shows his willingness to comply with G-d's command to bring his beloved son Isaac as a sacrifice.

### Rabbinic Ruminations



You've heard of "kissin' cousins." How about "dissin' cousins"? Rush Limbaugh calls President Barack Obama "imam," even though he knows the President isn't a Muslim. Sarah Palin has openly doubted the President's "cojones." It turns out that these two conservative firebrands and relentless critics of the President have been dissin' their own cousin. The online genealogy service Ancestry.com recently reported that Obama and Palin are 10th cousins, and Obama and Limbaugh are 10th cousins

once removed. In both cases, the ties date to the 1600s. Obama's distant family ties to former President George W. Bush and former Vice President Dick Cheney surfaced during his presidential campaign. Obama also is a distant cousin of billionaire investor Warren Buffet and actor Brad Pitt, according to Ancestry.com. If we go back far enough, of course — to Adam and Eve — everyone alive is related. The Talmud raises a fascinating question; why did G-d create us in such a fashion that all humanity descended from one person, rather than from multiple individuals? Perhaps you've had the experience of discovering and meeting a previously unknown relative. There exists a natural feeling of warmth and fondness toward those who we recognize as 'family.' The Torah, by teaching in the account of Creation that **all humanity** descends from a common ancestor, provides us with the opportunity to identify, feel and act toward others in a way that reflects a recognition of the universal brotherhood of mankind. Consider how the world would be different if everyone was aware of this important Torah concept. Maybe Rush Limbaugh and Sarah Palin should think about having Barack Obama over for Thanksgiving dinner!



### Quote of the Week ~~ From the film "Appaloosa" (a great Western)

Life has a way of making the foreseeable that which never happens, and the unforeseeable that which your life becomes.



### Joke of the Week



Yankel and Solly are passing a Catholic church and see a sign that reads "Convert to Catholicism, \$250 Cash." Yankel turns to his friend Solly and says, "**Hey, I'm going to try it.**" Yankel enters the church and returns a few minutes later. "So, did you convert? What was it like?" Solly eagerly asks. "**It was nothing**", says Yankel, "**I walked in, a priest sprinkled holy water on me, and said 'you're a Catholic.'**" "Wow," says Solly "and did you get the \$250?" "**You Jews,**" sneers Yankel, "**all you people think about is money!**"

**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](mailto:Pepshort613@gmail.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

Phone: 314-991-2100 Fax: 314-993-4821 On-Line: [www.nhbz.org](http://www.nhbz.org)

**MAZEL TOV**  
ON SIMCHAS THIS WEEK  
October 23-29!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
Khasya Epshteyn  
Robin Rickerman  
Gloria Waxman

*Happy Anniversary*  
Lenny & Fran Alper

Show your friends your 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

## Rabbi Ride Around! Whoo-Hoo!!!



## SYNAPLEX SHABBAT

SHABBOS, NOVEMBER 13, 2010

JEWIS & 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



## Big Shabbos Doin'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! 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!!

**Abrams:** Jewish (Ashkenazic), Dutch, English, and German: patronymic from a reduced form of the personal name Abraham. Abraham from the Hebrew personal name Avraham, borne by a Biblical patriarch revered by Jews as the founding father of the Jewish people (Genesis 11-25), and by Muslims as founder of all the Semitic peoples, both Hebrew and Arab (compare Ibrahim). The name is explained in Genesis 17:5 as being derived from Hebrew avhamongoyim 'father of a multitude of nations'.

**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'.



**PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA**  
at NHBZ!!!

Lion's Den DINE-IN Pizza Night  
NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31!!

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 ~ WED., NOVEMBER 17

## 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 Zionismo'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

