



Welcome to our Synaplex Shabbat!!

MAZEL TOV to our friends celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries in September! Our celebrants invite everyone to Kiddush & Lunch following services this morning. Thanks to **ALICE SUDIN** for an extremely generous donation toward today's luncheon to **WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR!!!** Thanks for sponsoring soda today ~ our **"POP"-STARS** of the week ~ **Ron & Sandy Segall** in honor of **Sandy's birthday!!** 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.

☆ **SYNAPLEX SHABBAT TODAY!!!** Always interesting topics and dynamic speakers to nourish your mind this morning; then enjoy a wonderful Shabbos lunch in honor of our friends celebrating September Birthdays & Anniversaries. Learner's Service at 10:00 a.m., led by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason.

SYNAPLEX SESSIONS WILL BEGIN AT 11:00 a.m. PLEASE JOIN US!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SANDY SEGALL!!!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY & HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO EVERYONE!!!

☆ **Davening ~ Parshas Nitzavim-Vayelech**

Sedra: *Nitzavim:Devorim 29:9-30:20*; pages 1086-1093. Sedra: *Vayelech:Devorim 31:1-30*; pages 1094-1099.

Haftorah: *Isaiah 61:10-63:9*; pages 1202-1204.

☆ **Thank You For Leading Davening:** *Pesukei D'Zimra:* **Howard Sandler**; *Shacharis:* **Ron Makovsky**; *Leyning:* **Ellie Needle**; *Haftorah:* **Dr. Ethan Schuman**; *Musaf:* **Dr. Ethan Schuman**.

☆ **Jr. Congregations** Jr. Congregation for girls and younger children will be held this morning at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel with **Dodi Smason**. Boys Jr. Congregation will not meet for the next few weeks while Avrumi Smason and his family are in Israel. We are introducing "Conversational Hebrew for Teens," which will meet in the Auditorium, as part of our Synaplex Shabbat sessions, at 11:00 a.m., led by **Sima Moria**.

☆ **Mincha/Maariv:** We will daven Mincha today at 6:50 p.m. Shabbos will conclude at 8:12 p.m.

☆ **Shacharis, Mincha and Maariv ~ Shabbos, September 4 through Friday, September 10:**

	<i>Shabbos</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Selichos		12:30 a.m.	☆8:00	6:30	6:15		
Shacharis	8:30	8:00	8:30	7:00	7:00	☆☆8:00	☆☆8:00
Mincha/Maariv	6:50	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	☆☆7:00	☆☆7:00
			☆Labor Day			☆☆ Rosh Hashana	

☆ **Shalosh Seudos** is being sponsored this evening by **Irwin & Roz Rosen** in honor of Irwin's birthday **and** Howard Sandler's birthday - just one week apart!!! We will have a guest speaker at Shalosh Seudos ~ **Gershie Meisel**, new coordinator of NCSY (National Council of Synagogue Youth) & JSU (Jewish Student Union) organizations. Gershie will also be working closely with our shul in promoting youth activities.

☆ **PRE-SELICHOS MOVIE TONIGHT** - September 3rd, at 11:30 p.m. with refreshments and discussion. "Shanghai Miracle" ~ a 42-minute film ~ How hundreds of Yeshiva students escaped the fires of Europe to find refuge in Shanghai, China.

☆ **SELICHOS** - **Tonight/Sunday, September 4th at 12:30 a.m.;** Monday, Sept. 6: 8:00 a.m.; Tuesday, Sept. 7: 6:30 a.m.; Wednesday, Sept. 8: 6:15 a.m.

☆ **THANKS to ARYEH NEEDLE** for leading the freilich Friday night services last night!!

☆ **FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBOS DINNER** following services last night was enjoyed by all. VERY SPECIAL THANKS to everyone who helped prepare the dinner for last night, and lunch and shalosh seudos for today: Bertha Berman, Anna Lanis and Phyllis Silverman. And of course, a BIG THANK YOU to William Carter, our chief of operations!!!

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☆ **NHBZ Shabbos Events**

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☆ **The Irvin Alper Social Club** We will not have an Irvin Alper Social Club get-together in September.

☆ **MinyanMan Labor Day Brunch & Learn** This Monday, September 6th. Selichos at 8:00 a.m., Shacharis at 8:30 a.m. followed by brunch of Bagels & Lox, sliced veggies, fresh fruit, OJ and coffee. Rabbi Smason will speak on the topic: **"Does G-D Care About Non-Jews?"**

☆ **HIGH HOLIDAYS** - Rosh Hashana: This Wednesday night, Thursday & Friday, September 8/9/10; Fast of Gedaliah, Sunday, Sept. 12: the fast begins at 5:25 a.m. and concludes at 8:06 p.m.; Yom Kippur - Kol Nidre night: Friday, Sept. 17 (Mincha at 1:30 p.m./Kol Nidre at 6:45 p.m.) Yom Kippur Day: Shabbos, Sept. 18: Yizkor will be recited at approx. 12:15 p.m., Neilah at 6:30 p.m., Shofar sounded at 7:53 p.m.; Sukkos: Wednesday night, Thurs. & Fri., Sept. 22/23/24; Hoshana Raba: Wednesday, Sept. 29; Shemini Atzeres: Thurs. Sept. 30; Simchas Torah Night, Thurs. Sept. 30: Hakofos and FREE Spaghetti Dinner; Simchas Torah Day, Friday, October 1st, Lunch following services, Adults: \$10.00, Kids 6-10: \$5.00, Kids 5 & under: FREE.

☆ **HIGH HOLIDAY LEARNERS' SERVICE** - **First day of Rosh Hashana**, Thursday, September 9, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. led by **Rabbi Chanan Swidler** of Aish HaTorah. **Yom Kippur Day**, Shabbos, September 18, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. led by **Rabbi Yonason Goldson** of Aish HaTorah and Block Yeshiva High.

☆ **Shul Board of Directors Meeting** Tuesday, September 14. Minyan at 7:00 p.m.; Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Joe Rothman Auditorium.

☆ **Carry Out PIZZA NIGHT** Wednesday, September 15.

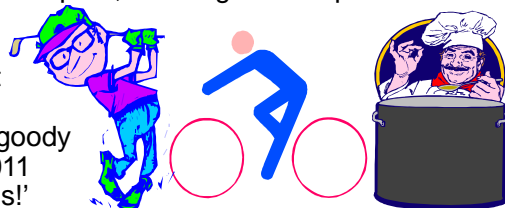
☆ **Dine-In PIZZA NIGHT TOMORROW** Sunday, September 26.

☆ **Executive Committee Meeting** - Tuesday, September 28. Minyan at 6:25 p.m.; Meeting at 7:30 p.m.



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☆ **2010 RABBI RIDE-AROUND** Sunday, October 10, in Forest Park!! Sponsor Rabbi Smason's 50-Mile Ride Around Forest Park: Minimum 25c per mile = \$12.50; 50c = \$25; \$1.00 = \$50; \$2.00 = \$100.00!!! Call our office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2 to make your pledge.

☆ **6th Annual KOSHER CHILI COOKOFF** Sunday, November 21st!! It's not too early to get your team together!! Go to our website, www.nhbz.org, for the 2010 entry form and rules.



☆ **Multi-Family Sale!!** Please give your **furniture, books, lamps, household items and knick-knacks** in **good** condition, for the Shul's Multi-Family Sale in the Fall; **gently used** clothes that are still nice enough to wear (**very clean PLEASE, no stains or damages** please!) For drop-off times and questions about sale, please call Esther Gelb, 567-1683.

☆ **We are proud to present our Honorees for 2010 ~~ Joann Raskas & Ron Rosen.** And a new Youth Service Award 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 and 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 facility in 2011. The Ad Journal order forms have been mailed. Please respond with your business ads, and greetings and messages to our honorees.

☆ **Medical-Supply Gemach** ~ We are happy to announce our medical-supply gemach, and we welcome anyone in the community to utilize it. If you have medical items that are no longer being used, we'd be happy to add them to our collection. We are looking for such things as: canes, crutches, walkers, shower seats, "portable potties," any sort of medical supply -- disposable underwear, bed pads, plastic urinals, etc., to name just a few!! AND, we will pick up!! We want to have supplies available for immediate or emergency needs, general use, or even when an out of town relative or friend visits -- so rather than "shlepping" things on the plane, we will have these things to lend out. We are still learning about the vast variety of medical items, so please call if you have anything that would fit into this project. Please call us at 314-875-0383 or email: Avigayilstl@inbox.com if you have any questions. Thanks to everyone, **Avigayil & Merrill Raul**

★ 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 6:20 p.m.**

★ **Shabbos Study Groups** Each Shabbos one hour before Mincha. **This Shabbos at 5:50 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 on 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. The class will not meet on Wednesdays before Rosh Hashana, Sukkos and Shemini Atzeres/Simchas Torah -- This Wednesday, September 8, and Wednesdays September 22 & 29.

★ 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. We will not have a class in September. **Next class Tuesday, October 5, 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, October 7th, 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!!!

★ **Melton Classes** Rabbi Smason's schedule of classes are below. **Felicia Graber** will teach a 10-week course on the Holocaust, beginning in October; schedule TBA.

High Holiday Series:

Tuesdays at CAJE 7-8:30 p.m.

September 7 — Rosh Hashana: Mystery of its Melody

September 14 — Yom Kippur: Open the Gates!

September 21 — Sukkot: Gimme Shelter

Hoshanah Rabbah Lunch and Learn

Wednesday, September 29, At the home of Cyndee Levy, 333 Mason Road, 63141

10:30-11:30 a.m. **What is Hoshana Rabbah?** with Rabbi Smason

11:30-Noon Lunch (dietary laws observed)

Bereshit 2: Stories of the First Jewish Family (Melton Scholar Series)

The stories take us from Creation through the Foundational stories of Abraham and Sarah. The themes of family and faith, honor, passion and power provide a rich exploration of our foundations with Rabbi Ze'ev Smason at Nusach Hari B'nai Zion.

Tuesdays 11:30-12:30 am (1 hour)

20 Sessions beginning October 5

TCP credit: Bible & Commentaries 10 credits



**PIZZA
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at NHBZ!!!**

CARRY OUT NIGHT: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15!!

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 ~ 314-991-2100, ext. 2

Deadline to Order: 12:00 noon on AUGUST 11

Lion's Den DINE-IN Pizza Night SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26!!

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

All-You-Can-Eat Buffet

Pizza, Spaghetti, Garlic Bread & Salad
plus Dessert & Beverage

Kids 3 & under: FREE Kids 4-10: \$6.00 Adults: \$10.00

**MAZEL TOV
ON SIMCHAS THIS WEEK!
September 4-10!**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Herman Drifon
Fran Hoffman
Dorothy Kissell
Betty Parker
Irwin Rosen**

Happy Anniversary
Lester & Pearl Figus

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

☆ **Kudos to NHBZ Volunteers from Sandie** ~ Thanks to our shoppers, **Bert Zakroff** and **Anna Rose Tendler**, and to my office and clerical volunteers: Thanks to **Gloria Waxman** who has taken over sending tribute cards for the shul. To send a tribute card, please call Gloria, 314-872-3296, and send payments to our shul office. **Phyllis Silverman**, 314-434-2482, will continue

to take care of tributes for Sisterhood, and **Sally Needle**, 314-991-2575, has taken over tributes sent from the Libby Needle Fund. Thanks also to **Lenny Alper** and **Bertha Berman** who prepare the yahrzeit notices for mailing each month. And to our "get it to the post office" team, **Esther Gelb** and **Ted & Rachael Pevnick** (Rachael works at warp speed!).

☆ **Author! Author!** Our very own **Felicia Graber** has written an astounding chronicle of her family's survival of the Holocaust, and beyond, in her book "Amazing Journey, Metamorphosis of a Hidden Child." Felicia weaves a tale that is at times painfully honest and revealing, and at others uplifting and triumphant. She is generously sharing her profits with NHBZ. **Copies of "Amazing Journey" (\$15.00) are available in our office.** To learn more about Felicia's book go to www.feliciagraber.com.

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

☆ **Yom Tov Schedule ~ Mikvah for Men**

The Millstone Mikvah will be open the following hours for men to use during the Yomim Tovim.

Erev Rosh Hashana: Wednesday, September 8th, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The door will be closed at 4:00pm sharp and men must be out of the building by 4:15pm. Please be considerate!

Erev Yom Kippur: Friday, September 17th, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Schedule of Men's Use of Shabbos Mikvah (Young Israel) During the Yomim Tovim:

Tuesday-Wednesday, September 7 & 8	Not Available
Both Days Rosh Hashana, September 9 & 10	Not Available
Shabbos, Sept 11 - Wednesday, Sept 15	Available
Sunday - Monday, September 19 & 20	Available
Tuesday, Sept 21 - Friday, Sept 24, 2 nd Day Succos	Not Available
Shabbos, September 25 - Monday, September 27	Available
Tuesday, Sept 28 -Friday, October 1, Simchas Torah	Not Available

The regular schedule will resume on October 2, Shabbos Beraishis.



Big Shabbos Doins!

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

Andy Abrams	Emma Mufson
Ruth Alper	Betty Parker
Fabian Attoun	Alex & Dena Perez
Lenore Berger	Esther Ringermacher
Jackie Berkin	Irwin Rosen
Adrienne Breen	Howard Sandler
Herman Drifon	Sam Schraier
Lester & Pearl Figus	Sandy Segall
Morris Fredlich	Ayelet Smason
Louise Givon	Suzanne Tendler
Dorothy Kissell	Rochel Chana Zakroff
Don Kleiman	Asher Zarkowsky

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. Shalom Aleichem tells the story about an old man on a crowded bus. A young man standing next to him asked him politely, "What time is it?" But the old man refused to reply. After the young man moved away, the old man's friend asked, "Why were you so rude to the young man asking for the time?" The old man answered, "If I give him the time of day, he would next want to know where I'm going. Then we might talk about our interests. If we did that, he might invite himself over to my house for dinner. If he did, he would meet my lovely daughter. If he met her, they would both fall in love, and I don't want my daughter marrying someone who can't afford a watch." Too many of us allow the problems that **might** occur to be used as an excuse to remain comfortably inactive. It was once said, "Behold the turtle. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out." Change is not simple for anyone, and may involve numerous risks. It's not easy to admit that we aren't perfect, and to embark on a journey into an unknown realm of self-growth. Nonetheless, the Torah tells us - as do our own life experiences - that when a person makes the effort, when one truly goes through the internal process, that the way for change is prepared. The month of Elul, Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur is the season of change.

Parshas Nitzavim - Vayelech Deuteronomy 29:9 - 31:30

Nitzavim begins with Moses gathering every member of the Jewish people for the final time. He initiates them into a Covenant with G-d as the Almighty's 'Chosen People'. This Covenant applied not only to those present on that day, but to all future Jewish generations. A question for your consideration; how could someone not present be bound to a commitment made by their ancestors? What is the binding force today that obligates all Jews to keep a Torah accepted over 3,000 years ago? Moses tells the people that although eventually they will sin, in time they will repent and return to the Torah, and G-d will usher in the messianic era when we all return to the land of Israel. Furthermore, he assures them that the commandments are neither distant nor inaccessible ('it is not in heaven'). This means that a committed Jewish life is well within everyone's reach. Vayelech opens with Moses walking through the Jewish camp on the final day of his life to say goodbye to his beloved people. He teaches them the mitzvah of Hakel, the once-in-seven-years gathering of the entire nation to hear the king read certain passages from the Torah. G-d commands that a special Torah, written by Moses, be placed by the Levites at the side of the Holy Ark to bear witness against Israel if they were to ever deviate from its teachings.

Quote of the Week ~ Cree (Native American) Saying

When all the trees have been cut down, when all the animals have been hunted, when all the waters are polluted, when all the air is unsafe to breathe, only then will you discover you cannot eat money. *(Thanks to Sandy James for the Quote of the Week)*

Rabbinical Ruminations

There are temper tantrums, and then there are temper tantrums. Manager Gary Robinson recently threw a memorable tantrum for fans at a minor league baseball game. At first the disagreement between Robinson and umpire Roberto Ortiz looked like a garden-variety baseball squabble. However, once the umpire ejected the manager from the game, Robinson went into a frenzy. He returned to the field yelling, screaming, and kicking dirt on home plate. The manager then got down on his knees and, using his hands, covered home plate with dirt. Then for good measure, he stood up and kicked dirt on the umpire. Robinson then jogged down the baseline and pulled first base out of the ground. Fans thought that the volatile manager was going to heave the base, discus-style. But the show got better. Robinson reached into the front of his jersey, pulled out a pen, and signed the bag. Not waiting for an eBay auction, Robinson walked to the stands and handed the souvenir to a 13-year old boy sitting in the second row! Later, the manager admitted that he wasn't particularly proud of his actions "Impulsively, you do things," Robinson said. "Sometimes you do things to make a point. At the same time, there's a lot of times you regret what you do." I'm reminded of the story of the little boy who asked his mother, "Mommy, why do the idiots only come out when Daddy drives?" Some day that little boy will understand that Daddy's anger says more about Daddy than it does about the quality of the drivers on the road. Impulsive outbursts of anger harm us in many ways. Ethics of the Fathers states, "the short-tempered cannot teach." The Talmud teaches that the greatest impediment to shalom bayis (peace in the home) is uncontrolled anger. Anger is never without a reason, but seldom with a good one.

Joke of the Week

Chaim is driving around suburban Jerusalem and he sees a sign in front of a house: "Talking Dog For Sale." He rings the bell and the owner tells him the dog is in the backyard. Chaim goes into the backyard and sees a Labrador retriever sitting there. "So, you talk?" he asks. "Yap," the dog replies. "So, what's your story?" asks Chaim. The dog looks up and says, "Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young and I wanted to help out. So I told the Mossad about my gift, and in no time they had me sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders and suspected terrorists, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping. I was one of their most valuable agents for eight years running. But it was exhausting work and really tired me out. I knew I wasn't getting any younger and I wanted to settle down. So I signed up for a less stressful job at Ben Gurion airport to do some undercover security work, mostly wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible stuff and was awarded a batch of medals. During that time I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired. And pretty much, that's it." Chaim is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog. "Ten dollars." The owner says. "This dog is amazing. Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?" "Because he's a liar. He never worked for Mossad!"

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 or adarabba@hotmail.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

Aaron Borow, Rabbi Emeritus Robert Kaiser, President

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for 2 EVENTS!!**
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**SIMCHAS TORAH
Spaghetti Dinner & Auction
FREE TO ALL**

Spaghetti ~ Sandie's Salad ~ Garlic Bread
~ Candy Apples ~
Thursday Night, Sept. 30, between Hakafo's

**Simchas Torah
Luncheon**

SIMCHAS TORAH DAY ~ Friday, October 1
Services will conclude at 12:30 p.m.

Join us for Kiddush, free to all as usual . . .

then enjoy a wonderful lunch of
Dee-licious Stuffed Cabbage
Meatloaf for Cabbage Non-Lovers
& Hot Dogs for Kids
Baba's To-Die-For Killer Potatoes
Cole Slaw Green Bean Salad
Dessert & Beverages

Adults: \$10.00 Kids: 6-10: \$5.00
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**WELCOME TO
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SHABBAT**

Two great options!

Shabbos services beginning at 8:30 a.m.
Learner's Service from 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Led by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**

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

'Say What?' A Survival Guide to
Every Day Jewish Expressions
Led by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

Classic Insights into the Days of Awe
Led by Rabbi Eli Shapiro, St. Louis Kollel

The Iranian Nuclear Threat
Led by David Rubin, Esq.

CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW
FOR TEENS
Led by Sima Moria

TOT SHABBAT
Led by Dodi Smason

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In Honor of our September Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries



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Mazel Tov Ruth!!