

Good Yom Tov & Good Shabbos to Everyone!!

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Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion
 Shemini Atzeres ~ September 30
 Simchas Torah ~ October 1
 Shabbos, October 2, 2010



Happy Birthday Susan!!!

Bruchim Habayim
 22 Tishrei 5771
 23 Tishrei 5771
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☆ **Kiddush** ~ Everyone is invited to Kiddush following services on Yom Tov & Shabbos. Thanks to **Dr. Jay Pepose and David, Max, Morissa & Sam Pepose** for sponsoring an Ice Cream Sundae Bar, complete with brownies, for Shabbos Kiddush in honor of their wife & mother, **Dr. Susan Feigenbaum**, to wish her a Happy Birthday!! Thanks for sponsoring soda ~ our "POP"-STARS of the week ~ **The PEPOSE Family!! Happy Birthday Susan!!!**

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** ~ Shemini Atzeres ~ Simchas Torah ~ Shabbos Bereishis (Pages Listed for Chumash & Siddur)

Shemini Atzeres

Sedra: Devorim 14:22-16:17; Ch: 1012-1023; S: 482-483.
 Maftir: Bemidbar 29:35-30:1; Ch: 896-898; S: 483.
 Haftorah: I Kings 8:54-66; Ch: 1245-1246; S: 483-484

Simchas Torah

Sedra: Devorim 33:1-34:12; Ch: 1112-1124; S: 484-486.
 Second Torah: Breishis 1:1-2:3; Ch: 2-11; S: 487-488.
 Maftir: Bemidbar 29:35-30:1; Ch: 896-898; S: 489.
 Haftorah: Joshua 1:1-18; Ch: 1246-1247; S: 489-490.

Parshas Bereishis: Sedra: Bereishis 1:1-6:8; Ch: pages 2-29. Haftorah: Isaiah 42:5-21; Ch: page 1130.

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

SIMCHAS TORAH: Pesukei D'Zimra: Howard Sandler; Shacharis: Uppfur Grabbs; Leyning: Michael Shapiro; Haftorah: Uppfur Grabbs; Musaf: Uppfur Grabbs. **SHABBOS:** Pesukei D'Zimra: Howard Sandler; Shacharis: Dr. Ethan Schuman; Leyning: Michael Shapiro; Haftorah: Alan Haber; Musaf: Dr. Ethan Schuman.

☆ **Mincha & Maariv on Shemini Atzeres & Simchas Torah:** We will daven Mincha on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday evenings, September 29 & 30, and October 1, at 6:25 p.m. Bench Licht Thursday night at 7:31 p.m. or after. Davening will begin on Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. Bench Licht Friday night at 6:26 p.m.

☆ **Shabbos:** Davening begins on Shabbos morning, October 2, at 9:00 a.m.; We will daven Mincha on Shabbos evening at 6:05 p.m. Shabbos will conclude at 7:28 p.m.

☆ **Jr. Congregations** Jr. Congregation for girls and younger children will be held on Shabbos morning at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel with **Dodi Smason**. Boys Jr. Congregation will not meet while Avrumi Smason and his family are in Israel. Instead, "Conversational Hebrew for Teens," will meet in the Auditorium, at 10:30 a.m., led by **Sima Moria**.

☆ Shacharis, Mincha and Maariv ~ Shemini Atzeres, Thurs., Sept. 30; Simchas Torah, Fri., Oct. 1

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Shacharis	6:45	☆9:00	☆☆9:00
Mincha	☆6:25	☆☆6:25	6:25
	☆Shemini Atzeres		☆☆Simchas Torah



☆ Shacharis, Mincha and Maariv ~ Shabbos, October 2 through Friday, October 8:

	Shabbos	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Shacharis	9:00	8:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00
Mincha	6:05	6:15	6:15	6:15	6:15	6:15	6:15

☆ **Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan** ~ Friday & Shabbos, October 8 & 9.

☆ **It is customary** to make a contribution to the synagogue for honors received during the holidays, and in memory of your loved ones after Yizkor on Yom Kippur & Shemini Atzeres. We appreciate receiving your donations very much.

☆ Shemini Atzeres, Simchas Torah & Festivities

Shemini Atzeres: Wednesday night & Thursday, September 29 & 30

SIMCHAS TORAH HAKOFOS: Thursday night, September 30 at 7:00 p.m.

SIMCHAS TORAH SPAGHETTI DINNER - Please join us for Hakofos on Simchas Torah night - Thursday,

September 30, at 7:00 p.m. We will take a break between Hakofos for an All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner FREE to everyone. Sisterhood will provide delicious candy apples for everyone, and there will be flags for all the children. **Thanks to our sponsors: Bob & Sandie Abrams, Lenny & Fran Alper, Andy & Ellen Berg, Dr. Craig & Jackie Berkin, Sam & Shirley Bluestein, Drs. Susan Feigenbaum & Jay Pepose, Alan & Janet Haber, Bob & Joni Kaiser, Ted & Rachael Pevnick, Jim Pollock, Mark Ragin & Gail Rose, Dr. David & Fran Reisler, Irwin & Roz Rosen, Dr. Jon & Naomi Shanker, Sid & Phyllis Silverman, Gary & Trudy Sudin, Menachem & Linda Szus, and thanks to newbies this year - Ruth Alper, Kenny Bressler & Esther Gelb!!!**

SIMCHAS TORAH DAY: Friday, October 1

SIMCHAS TORAH LUNCHEON We will have our third annual Simchas Torah Day luncheon on Friday, October 1st. Thank you & Yasher Koach to **Bertha Berman & Phyllis Silverman** for making 280 stuffed cabbage rolls for the luncheon!!! Services will conclude at 12:30 p.m. followed by Kiddush as usual. We will then have the luncheon at a cost of \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 for kids 6-10, and FREE to kids 5 & under. If you would like to join us for lunch, please remember to send



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

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

- ☆ **KABBALAT SHABBAT** with Aryeh Needle Friday night, October 15, 6:00 p.m.
- ☆ **OCTOBER LUNCH & LEARN** in honor of our friends celebrating October Birthdays & Anniversaries on Shabbos, October 16. Thank you and Mazel Tov to **Irwin & Roz Rosen** for a very generous donation toward the luncheon in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. **Rabbi Smason** will lead a Learner's Service; our guest speaker, **Gershie Meisel**, Program Coordinator of NCSY & JSU, will speak on the topic: "Avraham & Jewish Outreach."
- ☆ **KABBALAT SHABBAT with Aryeh Needle** Friday night, November 12
- ☆ **FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBOS DINNER** following services, November 12. Guest Speaker, **Gary Frolich**, will speak on the topic "Cracking the Genetic Code: Jewish Health & Heritage," which will cover 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.



☆ **The Irvin Alper Social Club** This Sunday, October 3, 6:00 p.m. Come and enjoy dinner and good friends plus a movie, play cards or just shmooze. Speak to Ruth Alper for details and reservations, 314-569-2877.

☆ **Shul Board of Directors Meeting** - Tuesday, October 12. Minyan at 6:05 p.m.; Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

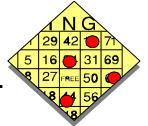
☆ **Carry Out PIZZA NIGHT** Wednesday, October 13. Deadline to order: noon of that day.

☆ **2010 RABBI RIDE-AROUND RALLY & PICNIC** Sunday, **October 17**, in Forest Park!!

This is a fundraising & social event -- Sponsor **Rabbi Smason's** 50-Mile Ride Around Forest Park's bike trail: We ask for a minimum pledge of 25c per mile, which makes a total \$12.50 donation; 50c = \$25; \$1.00 = \$50; \$2.00 = \$100.00!!! Come and have some fun!! The ride begins at 8:30 a.m. and the picnic is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Call our office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2 to make your pledge.



☆ **Sisterhood's Mixed Company Day** Tuesday, October 19, at noon. Delicious Lunch, Gold Dollar Bingo, Attendance Prizes. \$6.50 donation. Call Rachael, 314-395-6017, for reservations.



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

☆ **Multi-Family Sale!!** Please give your **furniture, books, lamps, household items and**

knick-knacks in **good** condition, and **gently used** clothes that are still nice enough to wear (**very clean PLEASE, no stains or damages** please!) for the Shul's Multi-Family Sale on Sunday, October 24 and Wednesday, October 27. For drop-off times and questions about the sale, please call Esther Gelb, 567-1683.



☆ **DINE-IN PIZZA NIGHT** Sunday, October 31.

☆ **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 your 2010 entry form and rules.



☆ **We are proud to present our Honorees for 2010** -- Honorees, **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 NHBZ. The list of the good deeds that Alex and Jack Lyss have performed is impressive - from regularly leying (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 & preparing for the future. It is with great pleasure that we give well-deserved honor to these wonderful people on Sunday, December 12, 2010. Please send your ad forms with your business ads, or greetings & messages to our honorees.




PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA
at NHBZ!!!

CARRY OUT NIGHT:
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13!!

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 OCTOBER 13

NEXT DINE-IN NIGHT ~ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31



THANKS TO ALL OUR SUKKAH-BUILDING SUPER STARS:
ALAN HABER
BOB KAISER
BOBBY LEVINE
JACK LYSS
MENACHEM SZUS
AND THANKS TO
BORIS & JONATHAN YASINEV

for strengthening the sukkah & schach this past Sunday!!
Please help to UN-Build the Sukkah this Sunday, Oct. 3, 9:00 a.m.
We're looking for some NEW SUPER STARS!!!

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. Have you noticed that some common consumer goods are incredibly expensive? Still, for some unknown reason people continue to shell out big bucks for certain items. For example, microwave popcorn runs about \$3 per box at the grocery store, and each box includes three 3.5 ounce bags. So why do consumers even think of paying a whopping \$6 for a single medium-sized bag of popcorn in the movie theater? After considering that movie theaters purchase popcorn in bulk, the average markup of movie theater popcorn is an astounding 1275%. Many are aware that "Evian" is "naive" spelled backwards. The well-known company probably did not choose their name for that reason - but an argument can be made that consumers who buy bottled water are certainly naive. After all, water is one of the most abundant resources in the world and is available for free from countless water fountains and sinks across the nation. Yet, many consumers are still willing to pay \$3 a bottle for it. On the other hand, if you're looking for a great deal, I have a suggestion; the Torah. A well known Jewish saying states; "**tova Torah mi-kol schora**," or, "Torah is the best merchandise." **Simchas Torah** literally means "Rejoicing in the Torah." This week's holiday of Simchas Torah marks the completion of the yearly cycle of the Torah reading. The pathways of the Torah are pleasant, peaceful and spiritually nourishing. This time of year is an opportunity to appreciate the gift of Torah —the best "purchase" a Jew can make.

Torah Reading for Shemini Atzeres and Simchas Torah

Shemini Atzeres is a two-day holiday immediately following the seventh day of Sukkos. It begins on Thursday. Simchas Torah is celebrated on Friday, the second day of Shemini Atzeres. The Torah reading for the first day is Deuteronomy 14:22 — 16:17. Shemini Atzeres is a holiday in its own right. 'Shemini Atzeres' literally means 'Stop (on) the Eighth Day'. Benjamin Franklin once said, 'fish and visitors smell in three days'. The Almighty, however, has a different perspective! G-d, who has had us as 'visitors' for Sukkos, asks us to stay with Him for an eighth day. Seeing our loved ones leave is difficult; so too, G-d loves His children and desires that we spend one more day with Him in festive celebration. On Simchas Torah we read the final Torah portion, **Vzos Ha'Bracha** (Deuteronomy 33:1 — 34:12). We then proceed immediately to the first chapter of Genesis, reminding us that the Torah is a circle which never ends. The completion of the Torah is a time of great celebration. There are processions around the synagogue carrying Torah scrolls, with plenty of high-spirited singing and dancing.

Parshas Bereishis Genesis 1:1 — 6:8

This first portion of the Torah begins with G-d's creation of the world in six days and His 'resting' on the seventh. Some suggest that an allusion to baseball can be found in the Torah's first verse — In the Big Inning (Beginning). All was created during this first week; from the separation between light and darkness, to the establishment of the sun, moon and stars, to the creation of Man (Adam) and Woman (Eve) in G-d's image and their placement in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve are given one command — to refrain from eating the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge. Eve is enticed by the snake to eat of the forbidden fruit, and she offers some to her husband as well. G-d punishes them for their transgression, and they are banished from the paradise of Eden. After the expulsion their first two sons, Cain and Abel, each bring an offering to G-d. In jealousy Cain kills his brother, and G-d sends him into exile to wander the face of the earth.. The Torah then gives a genealogy of the first ten generations of the world, beginning with Adam and leading up to the birth of Noah and his three sons.

Rabbinic Ruminations

Hetty Green was an American businesswoman who died in 1916. She left behind an estimated net worth ranging from \$100 million to \$200 million (\$2 – \$4 billion in current dollars), at the time making her the richest woman in the world. Hetty also left behind a legacy of frugality to the extreme; her lifestyle earned her a listing in the **Guinness Book of World Records** as the "greatest miser" — and one of the meanest. Her miserly lifestyle included living on cold oatmeal so she wouldn't have to pay for the heat. She wore one old black dress and undergarments that she changed only after they had been worn out. One tale claims that she instructed her laundress to wash only the dirtiest parts of her dresses (the hems) to save money on soap. Her son Ned broke his leg as a child, and Hetty tried to have him admitted in a free clinic for the poor. Ned was forced to have his leg amputated because she refused to pay for an operation to save it. In her old age she began to suffer from a bad hernia but refused to have an operation because it cost \$150. The cause of her death was a convulsion prompted by an argument about the virtues of skim milk. Hetty Green was rich but lived an impoverished life. Although she lived, there was no life in her living. The holidays of Sukkos, Shemini Atzeres and Simchas Torah are times of great happiness; however, happiness isn't a possession we search for. Rather, it's a blessing present in everything we experience. 'Things' can't make us happy. Counting the blessings we do have is the key to true happiness.

Quote of the Week

There is a place in the world for anyone who says, "I'll take care of it." ~ *Harvey MacKay*

Joke of the Week

Three cadets were to be interviewed at the Police Academy. "Men," said the Lieutenant, "we're going to go through a little exercise to test your potential for detective work. I'm going to show you a picture of a criminal for precisely twenty seconds, and I want you to tell me, simply by glancing at the picture, what type of crook we're looking for. Jones, take a look. What do you think?" "Sir! I think this guy has only one ear." "No, no, Jones! This is a profile. It only shows one side. What do you say, Burns?" "Sir! This perpetrator only has one eye." "No, Burns. Don't you understand? This is only a profile. Forget about it!" About to give up, the Lieutenant showed the picture to the third cadet. "What do you say, Jackson?" Without looking for more than five seconds, Jackson blurted out with confidence, "Boss! This outlaw wears contact lenses!" "That's right, Jackson! You're incredible! How did you know that?" "It's simple, Chief! With one ear and one eye, how in the world can the guy wear glasses?"

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. Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

★ **Kashrus Alert from the OU Pace Products:** Chipotle Salsa, Chunky Salsa, Chunky Salsa - Hot/Med./Mild, Chunky Salsa with Cilantro, Lime & Garlic, Picante Sauce, Picante Sauce - Hot/Med./Mild, Roasted Pepper & Garlic Salsa and Salsa Dip. **These products are no longer certified by the OU or the KOAOA.**

★ **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 5:35 p.m.**

★ **Shabbos Study Group** Each Shabbos one hour before Mincha. **This Shabbos at 5:05 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.

★ **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 This 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 This 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:

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 a.m to 12:30 p.m.; 20 Sessions beginning October 5; TCP credit: Bible & Commentaries 10 credits.

Felicia Graber's Schedule of Classes:

The Holocaust as Reflected in Dairies and Memoirs

(Melton Scholar Series) A literary journey that brings remarkable first person accounts as insight into the struggle for life as writers describe day-to-day life coping in the ghettos, imprisoned in the death camps, hiding on the run, and fighting for their lives with **Felicia Graber** at Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Congregation. Register through CAJE: Contact **Cyndee Levy** clevy@cajestl.org, or call 314-442-3754 (office), 314-503-2899 (cell).. Scholarships are available.

Thursdays 10:30 - Noon
10 sessions beginning October 7
Fee: \$175; Book Fee: \$36
TCP: 7.5 credits in Jewish History