

NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

December 17, 2011

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

21 Kislev, 5771

Torah Portion Vayeishev:
Haftorah Vayeishev:

Genesis 37:1 – 40:23
Amos 2:6 – 3:8

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Erev Shabbos - Friday, December 16

- **Mincha & Maariv** (4:20 pm)
- **Candle Lighting** (4:23 pm)

Shabbos - Saturday, December 17

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
 - Shacharis: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
 - Leyning: **Aryeh Needle**
 - Haftorah: **David Rubin**
 - Sermon: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
 - Musaf: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
- **Learners Service** (10:15 am) – Led by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**, in the Chapel.
- **Kiddush** (following Musaf) - Thanks to **Leo Bressler** for sponsoring a cake in honor of **Menachem & Linda Szus** and **Phyllis Silverman** and to thank them for all they do for our shul.
- **Shabbos Study Group** (3:35 pm) - Studies in Tanach, led by **Menachem Szus**; everyone at any level of learning is welcome; now studying Yeshayahu (Isaiah).
- **Boys' Mishna Study Group** (3:35 pm) - With **Rabbi Smason**, for boys ages 10-17.
- **Mincha/Shalosh Seudos/Ma'ariv** (4:05 pm) - is sponsored by **Andy** and **Betty Epstein** in memory of beloved father, **Walter Epstein, z"l**.
- **Shabbos Concludes** (5:26 pm)



This Week

	Shabbos Dec 17	Sun. Dec 18	Mon. Dec 19	Tues. Dec 20	Wed. Dec 21	Thur. Dec 22	Fri. Dec 23	Shabbos Dec 24
Davening Times								
Shachris	9:00 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv	4:05 pm	4:20 pm	4:20 pm	-	-	-	4:20 pm	4:10 pm
Ma'ariv Only	-	-	-	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	-	-
Events	Shabbos Study	Anniv. Banquet	Buy Cash Cards	Sisterhood Meeting	Lunch & Learn	Bring in Toys!	Erev Shabbos	Chanukah Family Fun

- **Sunday Learning** (Sunday, Dec 18, following Shachris) - **Rabbi Chanan Swidler** of Aish HaTorah leads Mishna study for men following Sunday morning services; davening at 8:00 am.
- **RAP with the RABBI Teen Group** – (Sunday, Dec 18, 10:00 am) - with **Rabbi Smason**, for young men and women; at Starbucks at Olive & Price; with complimentary drinks to all participants!
- **Anniversary Banquet** (Sunday, Dec. 18) – NHBZ's 106th Anniversary Banquet and Re-dedication of our New Shul; honoring **Menachem & Linda Szus** and Woman of Valor **Mrs. Phyllis Silverman**; buffet dinner at 5:00 pm; "Great American Music Tribute" at 7:30 pm. See picture ad.
- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** (Wednesday, Dec 21, 12:15 pm, in the Teen Lounge on the lower level) - Now studying *Pirkei Avos* (Ethics of the Fathers, in English), which deals with Jewish ethical and moral principles; please join us for an enjoyable and relevant presentation and discussion.

- **Chanukah Fun for the Whole Family** (Saturday, Dec 24, 6:00 pm- 9:00 pm) – Activities for children and adults at NHBZ; free admission; see picture ad for details.
- **Carryout Pizza Night** (To be announced)
- **Buy and Use Cash Cards** (Monday – Friday) – Next order dates are **Thursday, December 29 and Monday, January 16** ; buy 'em before these dates and earn free money for NHBZ; Kohn's Scrip is temporarily sold out.
- **Toys for Chanukah Drive** (now) - bring your new, UN-wrapped toys to the office.

Coming Events

- **Sisterhood Meeting** – (Tuesday, December 20) – Last meeting until March; see picture ad.
- **Shabbos Lunch & Learn** – (Saturday, December 31) – **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason** will speak on the topic "Is There Humor in the Torah?"
- **Dine-In Pizza Night** (Sunday, January 1, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm)
- **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group** (First Tuesday, January 3, 2:30 pm) - at the home of **Jackie Berkin**; Topic is "The Six Constant Mitzvos," presented by **Rabbi Shaya Mintz**, of the St. Louis Kollel; All women are welcome; please join us!!!
- **Irvin Alper Social Club** – (To be announced)
- **Morris Lenga Yiddish Club** (First Thursday, January 5, 7:00 pm) - Join us for a spirited hour filled with Yiddish stories, songs and laughter; seasoned "mavens" as well as novices are welcome.
- **Installation Shabbos** – (January 7)

Meetings

- **Executive Committee** (Tuesday, December 27, 7:00 pm, following minyan)
- **Board of Directors** (Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 7:00 pm, following minyan)
- **Sisterhood** - will not have meetings during the winter months of January and February, and will resume in March when the weather is more predictable!



Kashrus Alert

- **Quaker Weight Control Instant Oatmeal** (Cinnamon and Banana Bread Flavor) – was mistakenly labeled with an OU symbol with a 'D' for Dairy; corrective measures have been taken.

Reminders

- **Tributes** - Show your friends you care; a tribute is a donation in honor of a birth, a birthday, an anniversary, a healthy recovery, or in memory of a loved one, or for any reason to show you care; tributes will be listed in this bulletin every 6-8 weeks.
 - For a Shul tribute, call Gloria Waxman at 314-872-3296
 - For a Sisterhood tribute, call Phyllis Silverman at 314-434-2482
 - For Libby Needle Fund, call Sally Needle at 314-991-2575
- **Synagogue Honors** - It is customary to make a donation to the synagogue for an Aliyah or other synagogue honors received.
- **Buy Cash Cards for Chanukah** – Yes, that's right; Cash Cards make great Chanukah Gift Cards! **NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT CARDS for some Cash Cards – see flyer in lobby!**
- **Volunteer Opportunities** - NHBZ needs YOU! NHBZ is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 52 weeks per year; to provide such an ongoing service, we need your help; whatever your skills, we have an opportunity for you: office work, cooking, pickup and delivery, repairs, Pizza night, Sukkah raising, outreach committee, building committee; please call the office to volunteer.



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 prayer in Heaven — one for each tribe of Israel. There also 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.

Parshas Vayeishev

December 17, 2011

169 Kislev, 5772

Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates



Lynn Jones was loading baggage at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport last month when she saw an emaciated dog that had cuts and sores on its body and paws. The dog was in a pet carrier tagged for a flight to Texas. Concerned

that the dog couldn't survive the flight, Ms. Jones refused to put the dog on the airplane. However, her supervisor insisted that the dog's condition was none of her business and told her to load it. When Ms. Jones still refused to load the dog, she was fired. "My supervisor kept yelling, 'That's it. You're done. You are out of here. Go home,'" Ms. Jones said. "I left."

The next day the baggage handling contractor offered to rehire Lynn Jones with back pay and an apology, and the company's president praised her courage to stand up for the animal. Sally Leible, president and CEO of the St. Louis-based company, said, "We applaud Ms. Lynn Jones' courage to report the unfavorable condition of the animal she encountered, and we encourage others to be as vigilant as she was." The company will also make a three-year financial contribution to the Nevada Humane Society to educate people about animal mistreatment. Ms. Leible said her bighearted employee was "trying to protect the dog and I think she was courageous in doing that. I really, truly hope she will come back."

It has been said that "Courage isn't the absence of fear; rather, it is the ability to take action in the face of fear." Courage is necessary to get through certain moments of our lives. For some it takes courage to speak in public or to meet new people. A different level of courage is needed to stand up for the weak and oppressed. In the face of such challenges, remember the following: "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for HaShem your G-d, He it is that goes with you; He will not fail you, nor forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31:6)

Parshas Vayeishev - Genesis 37:1 – 40:23



Jacob's favoritism toward Joseph incites his brother's hatred. Their jealousy increases when Joseph tells them about two dreams which indicate that they will one day be

subservient to him. Jacob sends Joseph to check up on his brothers, and upon seeing him approaching, they plot to kill him. Reuben convinces the brothers not to kill Joseph, but is unable to totally save him as the brothers sell Joseph into slavery in Egypt. After dipping Joseph's coat in blood, they return to their father who assumes that his beloved son was torn apart by a savage beast.

The Torah then digresses to relate the story of Judah and his daughter-in-law Tamar. The narrative then returns to Joseph in Egypt, where he becomes an extremely successful slave and is placed in charge of his master's household. His master's wife repeatedly tries to seduce Joseph, and when he refuses he is thrown into prison. Ten years later, Pharaoh's chief butler and baker are placed into the same prison. One night they each have a perplexing dream that Joseph accurately interprets, setting the stage for his release from prison.

Rabbinic Ruminations



Looking to make an easy \$1 million? The 'Origin-of-Life Science Foundation' is seeking proposals to explain how the first self-replicating,

DNA-based bacterium could have emerged from a pre-biotic swamp roughly 3.5 billion years ago. "Ah," you might think, "I'll just quote a few verses from the beginning of Genesis and walk away with the prize money." But as Johnny Carson might have said, "Not so fast, Cro-Magnon breath!" The rules require your proposal to suggest a totally undirected, naturalistic process. In other words, mentioning 'G-d', 'Torah' or 'Bible' will be an automatic disqualifier. Such a limitation makes the 'easy \$1 million' not quite so easy to win.

Nobel Prize winning microbiologist Francois Jacob said, "The spontaneous appearance of RNA chains on the lifeless earth would have been a near miracle." Dr. Stanley Miller, also a Nobel Laureate, said, ".... there is not a shred of evidence that life began in an organic soup here on Earth." English astronomer and mathematician Sir Fred Hoyle compared the random emergence of even the simplest cell to the likelihood that "a tornado sweeping through a junk-yard might assemble a Boeing 747 from the materials therein." Hoyle also compared the chance of obtaining even a

single functioning protein by chance combination of amino acids to a solar system full of blind men solving Rubik's Cube simultaneously.

Imagine walking along a beach and finding a functional watch; is it conceivable that something so complex could have accidentally fit its parts together and then begin to work correctly? We would conclude that the watch must have had an intelligent and imaginative designer to conceive the idea and bring it to fruition. When we consider the vast and intricate Universe, we see something infinitely more complex than a watch. Who designed the Universe? "HaShem, G-d, the Most High, Maker of heaven and earth." (Genesis 14:22)

Quote of the Week

"Only choose in marriage a man whom you would choose as a friend if he were a woman." - Joseph Joubert (1754 - 1824, French essayist)

Joke of the Week

Yankel Cohen was taking an oral exam in his English as a Second Language class. He was asked to spell "cultivate," and he spelled it correctly. He was then asked to use the word in a sentence. With a big smile Yankel said: "Last vinter on a very cold day, I vas vaiting for a bus, but it vas too cultivate, so I took the subway home."



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Pre-paid Cash-Card Program

**DO YOU GIVE CHANUKAH GIFTS?
Well! We have a deal for you!**

You can use pre-paid cash-cards for your purchases or you can even give them as gifts, and earn free money for NHBZ!

There are dozens of stores to choose from, and each one will donate a percentage of your purchase to NHBZ - some of them up to 25%!

And it costs you nothing!

We order cards on the 15th and 30th of each month. Detailed information is available at www.nhbz.org.

Don't hesitate to call if you have questions
Janet Haber 314-567-7406 or
Bert Zakroff 413-220-0674

**Mazel Tov
On Simchas This Week
December 17 - December 23**

Happy Birthday

**Jonathan Shanker
Al Katz
Bonnie Klein
Mindy Woolf
Irv Bremmler**

Happy Anniversary

**Les & Mimi Sabol
Abert & Sheila Goodman**

Show your friends you care - SEND A TRIBUTE

Shul: Call Gloria Waxman 314-872-3296

Sisterhood: Phyllis Silverman 314-434-2482

Libby Needle Fund: Sally Needle 314-991-2575

Gifts Galore

NHBZ Sisterhood Luncheon & BINGO

Tuesday, December 20, Noon
NHBZ Social Hall, 650 N. Price Rd.

Enjoy a delicious Chanukah Lunch
and play BINGO

Men & women of all ages are welcome
Donation \$6.50

Gifts Galore

MinyanMan Tip # 1

**Stop thinking about it -
Just do it!**

Howard Sandler (409-7266)
Rabbi Smason (749-5271)
Synagogue Office (991-2100)

GIVE BLOOD



**American
Red Cross**

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood."

St. Louis Jewish Community Blood Drive

Congregation Young Israel
8101 Delmar Boulevard
St. Louis, MO

Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Visit redcrossblood.org (code YIJS)
or call 1-800-RED CROSS today
to make an appointment.

Walk-in donors welcome, however
appointments take priority.

Endorsed by
the Jewish Social Action Network

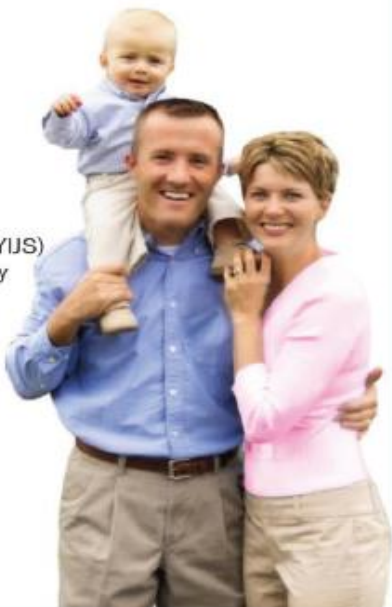
Harvey Kornblum
Jewish Food Pantry Drive

Non-perishable Items Needed:

Soup Canned Tuna

Peanut Butter Rice

Macaroni & Cheese



Protect our precious children

TIPS for having a safe and beautiful Chanukah

- Keep all flammable objects away from menorahs, including decorations, curtains, matches, napkins, and paper towels
- Place menorahs where small children cannot reach them
- Teach children not to touch burning candles or matches
- When frying with oil, please keep children away
- Prepare a fire escape plan and review it with all family members.
- Keep pets away from lit menorahs

Plans for December 24?

Join us for an evening of



Hanukah Fun

for the whole family

6:00-7:30 pm: Kids programming
including crafts, snacks, music and
a movie

For *adults* we'll have entertaining and
informative sessions...and snacks

7:30--9:00: Live Music



Latkes



Jelly Donuts



Cookies

Where: NHBZ 650 North Price Road,

Olivette ☺ Questions?: (314) 991-2100 x2

There is no charge for this event but everyone is asked to bring
canned goods for the Jewish Food Pantry

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
Tuesday December 20

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



First Candle of Chanukah ~ Tue. night, December 20

Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

106th Anniversary Banquet

Sunday, December 18, 2011.

We are proud to present our 2011 Honorees

Menachem & Linda Szus
and
Woman of Valor Phyllis Silverman

Menachem Szus has been the dedicated chairman of our Relocation Committee, and the driving force behind the Capital Campaign. Over the years, ***Linda Szus*** has maintained a very active presence at our shul. She was engaged in organizing the Lunch & Learn program, a myriad of programs for children, and coordinating the activities of the Chesed Committee.

Phyllis Silverman is first in line to volunteer for everything from KP ("Kiddush Patrol") to leading, with her husband Sid, our Honey & Chanukah Candles projects.

It is with great pleasure that we give well-deserved *kovod* (honor) to these wonderful people.

Last year we created an elegant evening to bid a fond farewell to our old building as we prepared to move into our new one. ***Well, here we are!!!***

We will celebrate our 106th Anniversary and the Re-dedication of our new building. The celebration will include a Lavish Buffet Dinner and a "Great American Music Tribute", a musical variety show by Sound Unlimited, featuring music from Gershwin to Jewish Favorites and Tony Bennett to Elvis!



Hmmm... Elvis or Tony?

Installation Shabbos Jan. 7

**Following Davening
 Lunch plus Installation of
 Officers, Directors & Trustees**

Shul Officers

<i>President</i>	- Janet Haber
<i>Vice President</i>	- Robin Rickerman
<i>Vice President</i>	- Trudy Sudin
<i>Treasurer</i>	- Gary Sudin
<i>Secretary</i>	- Bobby Levine
<i>Gabbai</i>	- Mayer Taller

Shul Board of Directors

Term Thru 2012

Fran Alper
Larry Chervitz
Les Sabol
Phyllis Silverman

Term Thru 2013

Francine Attoun
Esther Gelb
Fran Reisler
Bert Zakroff

Term Thru 2014

Ken Bressler
Don Eisenberg
Sandy Kahn
Rich Woolf

Irv Alper Social Club Officers

<i>Co-Presidents</i>	- Ruth Alper
	- Morris & Estelle Kram
<i>Vice President</i>	- Gloria & Charlie Waxman
<i>Secretary</i>	- Rachael & Ted Pevnick
<i>Treasurer</i>	- Esther Gelb

Sisterhood Officers

<i>President</i>	- Rachael Pevnick
<i>Vice President</i>	- Phyllis Silverman
<i>Vice President</i>	- Trudy Sudin
<i>Treasurer</i>	- Ruth Alper
<i>Secretary</i>	- Esther Gelb
<i>Chaplain</i>	- Rebbitzen Chani Smason

Sisterhood Trustees

<i>Francine Attoun</i>	<i>Bertha Berman</i>
<i>June Cohen</i>	<i>Arlene Fredman</i>
<i>Estelle Kram</i>	<i>Sylvia Tessler</i>