

NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

Dec. 22, 2012

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

9 Teves, 5773

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Torah Portion - Vayigash:
Haftorah:

Genesis 44:18 – 47:27
Ezekiel 37:15-28

Stone Chumash pages 250-267
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Erev Shabbos - Friday, December 21

- **Mincha & Maariv** (4:20 pm)
- **Candle Lighting** (4:25 pm)

Shabbos - Saturday, December 22

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
 - Shacharis: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
 - Leyning: **Aryeh Needle**
 - Haftorah: **Kenny Bressler**
 - Sermon: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
 - Musaf: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
- **Kiddush** (following Musaf) Thanks to **"POP-Stars" Ron & Sandy Segall** for sponsoring the soda today in honor of their Wedding Anniversary. **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY RON + SANDY!!!**
- **Mincha / Shalosh Seudos / Ma'ariv** (4:05 pm)
- **Shabbos Concludes** (5:28 pm)



This Week

שבת שלום

At a Glance

	Shabbos Dec. 22	Sun. Dec. 23	Mon. Dec. 24	Tues. Dec. 25	Wed. Dec. 26	Thur. Dec. 27	Fri. Dec. 28	Shabbos Dec 29
Shachris	9:00 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv	4:05 pm	4:10 pm	4:25 pm	4:25 p.m.	-	-	4:25 pm	4:10 pm
Maariv Only	-	-	-	-	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	-	-
<i>Events – see times in Event Planner Box below</i>	Child Care; Youth Prog; Learner's Service; Study Group	Asara B'Teves; Learn Mishna		Buy Cash Cards	Lunch 'n' Learn	Shechita Class	Erev Shabbos;	Child Care; Youth Prog; Learner's Service; Study Group

- **Last night!!! Shabbos Dinner and Mini-Synaplex** –Thanks to **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason** for leading "Shabbat 101," to **Robert Friedman** for leading "Insights into this week's Torah Portion," and to **Dave Simon** for leading the "Shabbat Family Sing-a-long!" Thanks to **Julie Eisenberg** for preparing the wonderful and delicious Shabbos dinner, enjoyed by all. Thanks to Julie's helpers: **Don Eisenberg, Fran Hoffman, Rhonnie Goldfader, Joni Kaiser, Roz Rosen, Shayna Scribner, and Trudy Sudin.** Thanks to **Rabbi Smason** who spoke on the topic, "The December Dilemma."

Coming Events (see Event Planner Box on next page for *all* events)

- **Asara B'Teves** ~ The Fast of Teves (Sunday, December 23) The fast begins at 6:04a.m. and concludes at 5:26 p.m.
- **Installation Shabbos** (Shabbos, January 5, 2013)
- **Irvin Alper Social Club** (Sunday, January 6, 2013) New, earlier time: 3:00 pm to play cards, watch a movie, and shmoozing; Dinner at 5:00 pm.

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NHBZ Event Planner (Check ‘Coming Events’ for time, date or location changes.)
 Call the office at 314-991-2100, ext. 2, to confirm the date and time of any event.

Weekly at NHBZ

Shabbos

- **Child Care** (10:00 am – Noon) kids 3 & under in the Children’s Room
- **Youth Programming** (10:15 am – 11:00 am) children 4-8, in the Youth Lounge.
- **Learners Service** (10:15 am) led by Rabbi Ze’ev Smason in the Chapel
- **Shabbos Tanach (Bible) Study Group** (30 minutes before Mincha)

Sunday

- **Mishna Learning** (after Shachris) with Rabbi Chanan Swidler of Aish
- **RAP with the RABBI Teen Group** (10:15 am) with Rabbi Smason @ Starbucks Olive & Price
- **Mystical Moments with Rabbi Max Weiman** (between Mincha & Maariv.)
- **Tanya** (8:00 pm) with Rabbi Shaya Mintz of the St. Louis Kollel

Wednesday

- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** (12:15 pm – 1:00 pm) now studying Pirkei Avos

Thursday

- **Schechita** (5:30 pm – 6:30 pm) with Rabbi Chaim Loike of the OU Kashruth Division

Monthly at NHBZ

- **Irvin Alper Social Club** (First Sunday)
- **Women's Home Study Group** (First Tuesday, 2:30 pm) with Rabbi Shaya Mintz, of the St. Louis Kollel at home of Jackie Berkin
- **Morris Lenga Yiddish Club** (First Thursday, 7:30 pm)
- **Dine-In Pizza Night** (Last Sunday 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm)
- **Carry-Out Pizza Night** (Wednesday mid-month; will resume ASAP!)
- **Sisterhood** (Third Tuesday)
- **Women’s Guide to Time** (As scheduled) with Rebbitzin Chani Smason

NHBZ Signature Events

- **Synaplex Shabbos**
- **Shabbos Lunch & Learn**
- **I-Chat**

Meetings

- **Executive Committee** (**Wednesday**, December 26 at 7:00 pm, following minyan)

Reminders

- **Buy and Use Cash Cards** – call the office ASAP to order your cards and **earn free money** for NHBZ!
- **High Holiday Appeal** – please pay your pledge as soon as possible.
- **Schnucks E-Scrip Card** - Use your Schnucks Card *now*, and make it count!!!
- **Sponsorships** - If you would like to sponsor Kiddush, Soda, Shalosh Seudos, this Bulletin, or something unique in honor or in memory of someone, please call 314-991-2100, extension 2, to make arrangements.
- **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 monthly.
 - 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
- **Buy a Brick Online or by Phone** - Our website now accepts online donations for the Brick and Planting Campaign; go to <http://www.nhbz.org/dedications.asp> or call the office at 314-991-2100.
- **Synagogue Honors** - It is customary to make a donation to the synagogue for an Aliyah or other synagogue honors received.

News, Features and Simchas

- **Rabbi Herschel (Heath) Berkin's Book!** Our very own Rabbi Heath Berkin has spoken with Targum, his publisher, to setup a link so that when anyone buys the sefer from the link, a portion of the sale will be donated to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion. Menachem Szus added the link, to the Targum site and Heath's book, to our website. Go to www.nhbz.org and you can access the link by clicking on the book. A big thanks to Heath, for his generous and thoughtful gesture . . . and a very big Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach on his great accomplishment!!!
- **Kashrus Alert from the OK Kosher Certification.** Please send all questions and comments directly to the OK at 718-756-7500 or info@ok.org The Variety Pack of Roundy's Chewy Granola Bars has been incorrectly labeled as OK dairy. Each pack contains 4 flavors. The Chocolate Chip, Oatmeal Raisin, and Peanut Butter Chocolate chip are all certified by the OK as kosher / dairy (Cholov Stam). **The S'mores flavor is NOT CERTIFIED and is NOT KOSHER.**
- **Mazel Tov On Simchas December 15-21 - Happy Birthday to Irwin Bremler, Melissa Marbain, Justin Shanitkvich, Gary Sudin, Mark Tendler and Daniel Zarkowsky. Happy Anniversary to Dr. Craig & Jackie Berkin, Abert & Sheila Goodman, Leslie & Mimi Sabol and Ron & Sandy Segall.** Show your friends you care by sending a tribute. For Shul: Gloria Waxman 314-872-3296; Sisterhood: Phyllis Silverman 314-434-2482; For Libby Needle Fund: Sally Needle 314-991-2575; For Chesed Fund: Drop by the office for a Card Pack.
- **Toys & Gifts For Chanukah** - Thanks to **Lenny & Fran Alper, Ruth Alper, Fabian & Francine Attoun, Sam & Shirley Bluestein, Marvin & Jackie Gitel, Bob, Joni, Hannah & Rebecca Kaiser, Morris & Estelle Kram, Esther Levary, Ted & Rachael Pevnick, Irwin & Roz Rosen, Menachem & Linda Szus** and our **NHBZ Sisterhood** for bringing gifts for Chanukah!!! **(If you brought gifts and your name is missing from this list, please call Sandie so we can say "Thank You" to you in the bulletin next week.)**
- **Special Book "Our Father's Voice: A Holocaust Memoir"** is Felicia Graber's new book written with her brother, Dr. Leon Bialecki, from recorded interviews with their father; The Forward states: "In his acute observations and straightforward judgments, Mr. Bialecki spared no one, least of all himself. He was uniformly frank about Jew and gentile, rich and poor, pious and nonreligious, cultured and uneducated." Felicia will generously donate \$8.00 to NHBZ from the sale of each \$18.00 book. We only have four books left in the office. Please come to the office or place your orders by calling 314-991-2100, ext. 2.
- **Get a taste of "Discovery!"** Just 2 ½ hours of amazing insights and classes, **Tuesday, December 25th, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm!** Followed by a catered Kosher Chinese Lunch! Plus FREE Babysitting & Activities For Kids! **COST:** Just \$35 per adult (includes babysitting & lunch) **RSVP ASAP!** Only the 1st 50 adults with payment can attend! **Please contact Claire at 314-862-2474 or cwolff@aish.com** **Location:** 457 N. Woods Mill Rd. (The Firehouse) Chesterfield, MO 63017 Presented by Aish Favorite, Rabbi Eliyahu Bergstein. **Facinating Topics!** •Distinguishing Knowledge from Faith •The Seven Wonders of Jewish History •Information Only the Author Could Have Known •Transmission: Is Today's Torah the Same as the Original? •G-d's Hand in History
- **VIDEO Presentation** - featuring Rabbi Twerski, "Putting the Lid on Anger." At the home of Mrs. Shaindy Lefton, Wednesday, December 26, 10:30 a.m. For women only. Suggested donation, \$3.00. Contact Shoshana Kowalsky, 314-726-6047 or email skowalsky@stlkollel.com .

Beyond Twelve Gates – Parshas Vayigash
Rabbi Ze'ev Smason -- December 21, 2012

Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates!

What do you do when blasted by a loud TV commercial? A) Mute! B) Grab the remote and change the channel. C) Cover my ears and wait for it to end. D) What, me worry? I don't own a TV!

TV owners can now remain CALM. Thanks to CALM -- the Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation act -- shouting ads will now be a thing of the past. Advertising content creators have routinely cranked the sound of their ads to just shy of a gunshot or explosion level, so some entire commercials were played at the equivalent of a 30-second bomb blast. The new law, which went into effect last week, mandates that commercials cannot be more than 2 decibels louder than the programming around them.

The topic of calmness is displayed throughout the Torah. One who lives with a constant awareness of G-d will have sufficient faith in Him to stay calm in any situation. Do you struggle at times to stay calm in difficult situations? Consider the words of King David: "Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for Him to act ... Stop being angry, turn from your rage. Do not lose your temper- it only leads to harm." (Psalm 37:7-8)

Parshas Vayigash Genesis 44:18 -- 47:27

Judah makes an impassioned plea to the powerful Egyptian ruler (Joseph, still in disguise) for Benjamin's life, claiming that Jacob would surely die from sorrow if he lost Benjamin. Judah offers to remain in Egypt as a slave in place of his younger brother. Unable to restrain himself any longer, Joseph reveals his identity to his stunned brothers and forgives them for selling him into slavery so many years before.

Joseph then sends his brothers back to the land of Israel, laden with gifts, to bring Jacob and their families down to Egypt where they will live in the province of Goshen. Before Jacob leaves home, G-d appears to him in a 'vision of the night', reassuring him that He will be with them and that they will eventually return to the land of Israel as a great nation. After 22 years of separation, Jacob is reunited with his beloved son Joseph. Joseph embraces his father and weeps, overflowing with joy, and then brings his father to meet Pharaoh. The portion concludes by describing how Joseph uses his vast power to amass nearly all of the wealth of Egypt for Pharaoh's treasury.

Rabbinic Ruminations

Is your eBook reading up on you? It's easy to imagine a near future in which paper books will have gone the way of rotary phones, typewriters and buggy whips. But are eBook readers ready to have their reading tracked? Technology makes it possible for e-readers to transmit information back to the manufacturer. They can tell; how fast you read because you have to click to turn the page, if you skip to the end to read how it turns out -- or *where* you read them. Using GPS or data from Wi-Fi and cell phone towers, it wouldn't be difficult for Kindles, iPads and other e-readers to track their own locations.

Even Uncle Sam has the potential to monitor eBook use. Suppose the government is investigating you. They can subpoena your library records, but those records in most cases are protected, and librarians typically oppose such subpoenas. But unlike physical books, your eBook reading history can be tracked -- and digital-content providers typically comply with government records requests. Author Stephen King expects that data will continue to be collected, as book-lovers switch to networked devices. "Ultimately, this sort of thing scares the hell out of me," King says. "But it is the way that things are."

The incredible advances of modern technology serve to remind us just how far and how quickly a word can travel. In the words of Ethics of the Fathers: "Know what is above you. An eye that sees, an ear that hears, and all your deeds are recorded in a book." (Avos 2:1). Living with the recognition that all we do and say is seen and heard by the One above will lead us to act and speak with greater caution.

Quote of the Week

Everybody ought to do at least two things each day that he or she hates to do, just for practice -- *William James*

Joke of the Week

Two women who haven't seen each other in years run into each other on the street.

"How's your daughter," the first woman asks, "the one who married that surgeon?"

"They were divorced," the second woman answers.

"Oh, I'm so sorry."

"But then she got married to a lawyer."

"Mazal tov!" the friend exclaimed.

"They were also divorced... But now everything is alright, she's married to a very successful CPA."

The first woman shakes her head from side to side.

"Mmmm, so much *nachas* from one daughter..."

NHBZ - 2013 DUES PLANS

Category	Conditions on Jan 1	1 YR PLAN		2 YR PLAN	5 YR PLAN	LIFETIME PLAN
		5% discount Pay by 3/31/2013:	Pay after 3/31/2013 & before 12/31/2013	Pay by 3/31/2013	Pay by 3/31/2013	Start payments before 12/31/12; finish payments within 60 weeks
Young Adult Individual Adult	age 24-29	\$156.75	\$165.00	N/A*	N/A*	\$12,500.00
Senior Adult	age 30-69	\$679.25	\$715.00	\$1,365.00	\$3,399.00	\$12,500.00
Single Parent Family	age 70+	\$612.75	\$645.00	\$1,226.00	\$3,065.00	\$12,500.00
Family	Kids thru age 23	\$731.50	\$770.00	\$1,465.00	\$3,675.00	\$12,500.00
Two Parent Family	Kids thru age 23	\$1,448.75	\$1,525.00	\$2,899.00	\$7,250.00	\$25,000.00

Please review the above chart for a summary of all 2013 Dues Plans. We have three new plans this year that provide you with discounts and tax benefits, and also help the congregation.

1 YEAR PLAN

This is our Standard Dues plan that we have always offered. Features:

- If you pay before March 31, 2013, you will get a 5% discount
- Family plans include all children through age 23
- Reserved High Holiday seats for children are \$25 per child through age 23
- Reserved High Holiday seats for out-of-town guests of members are \$100 per guest
- Reserved High Holiday seats for members of the United States Military are free
- Reserved High Holiday seats for out-of-town college students attending school in St. Louis are free
- Monthly payment schedules are available. They must start by 1/15/2013. Please contact office.
- Any membership payments are non-refundable

Our Building Fund is a one-time donation of \$3000 per dues category – individual, senior or family – everybody pays the same. The Building Fund may be paid out over 5 years at \$600 per year. Young Adults may request a 10 year payment plan.

If it is difficult for you to pay the Standard Dues or the Building Fund donation, please contact our Executive Director Sandie Abrams to discuss alternative arrangements. Please call our office for details and further information, 314-991-2100, ext. 2.

LIFETIME PLAN

This is a new option for 2013. Features:

- The lifetime plan for families guarantees the parent(s) membership for life
- The lifetime plan for families guarantees membership for children through age 23
- The lifetime dues amount is guaranteed until December 31st, 2012; in subsequent years, the amount could increase
- The lifetime plan means that you will not be affected by future dues increases
- The names of lifetime members will be inscribed on a plaque in the synagogue
- To qualify for the lifetime plan, you must not owe any outstanding dues or assessments
- This lifetime membership fee is for membership dues only
- You must sign an agreement for this plan, and any donations you have made before signing the contract will not count toward the lifetime membership fee
- You must complete payments within 60 weeks of signing the contract, allowing you to plan charitable deductions over 3 income tax years
- If you do not pay in full within 60 weeks, your lifetime membership will end, and your payments to date will become a donation and will not be applied to membership dues
- If a married couple decides that only one of them wants to buy a lifetime membership, then the other one will continue paying dues with one of the other plans
- You can change from a single parent family membership to a 2-parent family membership by paying the then current single parent family dues for the second parent
- Any lifetime plan payments are non-refundable

2 YEAR and 5 YEAR PLANS

This is a new option for 2013 that gives you a discount for paying in advance. Features:

- This plan represents a discount for paying in advance
- You will not be charged any further membership dues over the term of the plan
- The total amount is to be paid by March 31, 2013
- If you do not pay the full amount for the plan of your choice by the allotted date, then your payments to date will be applied to your 1 YEAR membership plan.
- Any payments to the 2 year and 5 year plans are non-refundable.

* If Young Adult wishes they may participate in these plans at the Individual Adult rates

Special Membership Arrangement Election Form

I/We would like to participate in the Special Membership Arrangements as noted below:

		2 YR PLAN	5 YR PLAN	LIFETIME PLAN
		Pay by 3/31/2013	Pay by 3/31/2013	Start payments before 12/31/12; finish payments within 60 weeks
_____ Young Adult	Ages 24—29	N/A*	N/A*	\$12,500.00
_____ Individual Adult	Ages 30--69	\$1,365.00	\$3,399.00	\$12,500.00
_____ Senior Adult	Age 70+	\$1,226.00	\$3,065.00	\$12,500.00
_____ Single Parent Family	Includes Kids thru Age 23	\$1,465.00	\$3,675.00	\$12,500.00
_____ Two Parent Family	Includes Kids thru Age 23	\$2,899.00	\$7,250.00	\$25,000.00

The dues amounts are guaranteed until December 31st, 2012; in subsequent years, the amount could increase. Those who elect this option before December 31, 2012 have locked in the rate. Members who pay under any of these plans will not be affected by future dues increases for the applicable time period. The lifetime plan for families guarantees the parent(s) membership for life and for children through age 23.

These Special Membership Arrangements are for membership dues only, and does not include any other indebtedness to the synagogue, including but not limited to monies owed to the Building Fund, Capital Campaign or assessments. To qualify for these plans, the member must not owe any outstanding dues or assessments. If the full payment for Lifetime Membership is not received within 60 weeks (or if the full payment for the other plans are not received by March 31, 2013) the participation in the Special Membership Arrangement will end, and any payments received to date will first be applied to a 1 YEAR membership plan, with any remainder treated as a voluntary donation and will not be applied to subsequent or additional membership dues or for any other indebtedness to the synagogue.

If a married couple decides that only one of them wants to buy a Special Arrangement membership, then the spouse will continue paying dues under one of the other plans. A member can change from a single parent family membership to a 2-parent family membership by paying the then current single parent family dues for the second parent. If a Young Adult wishes, they may participate in these plans at the Individual Adult rates. I/We further agree to conform to the By-laws, regulations and motions passed by the Board of Directors that are now in existence or that may be amended by the Congregation from time to time.

The consideration for this Agreement includes the corresponding pledge by other congregants to the same responsibility, and the reliance by one congregant on the other to this pledge. I/We further understand that resignation from the Congregation does not relieve me/us of any financial responsibilities incurred prior to the effective date of such resignation. All plan payments are non-refundable.

So Agreed:

Congregant

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