

NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

Nov. 17, 2012

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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Torah Portion Toldos:
Haftorah:

Genesis 25:19 – 28:9
Malachi 1:1 – 2:7

Stone Chumash pages 124-143
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Thanks for Sponsoring this Shabbos Bulletin ~~

To Ted & Rachael Pevnick in honor of the engagement of their granddaughter, Margo Pevnick to Josh Hutkins. **MAZEL TOV TED & RACHAEL!!!** Mazel Tov to parents, Larry & Robin Pevnick, and Terry Hutkins Reily and Mark Hutkins, and to grandparents, Alan & Beverly Turkin.

To Shayna Scribner in memory, and observing the yahrtzeit, of her beloved mother, Edith Solomon.

Erev Shabbos - Friday, November 16

- **Mincha & Maariv** (4:25 pm)
- **Candle Lighting** (4:29 pm)

Shabbos - Saturday, November 17

Shachris & Musaf (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:

- Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
- Shacharis: **Menachem Szus**
- Leyning: **Ari Levy**
- Haftorah: **Mayer Taller**
- Sermon: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
- Musaf: **David Rubin**

● **Kiddush** – Thanks to our NHBZ Sisterhood for sponsoring Kiddush today! We Salute our Veterans – Thank you for your service! Honoring and Remembering the men and women of the United States Armed Forces, and the Israel Defense Force. And, thanks to Norma (& David) Rubin for the delicious cakes, and more, that she sponsored and prepared!!!! Thanks and Mazel Tov to **“POP”-Stars, Ted & Rachael Pevnick**, for sponsoring the soda today in honor of the engagement of their granddaughter, Margo Pevnick to Josh Hutkins! **MAZEL TOV MARGO & JOSH!!!**

- **Mincha / Shalosh Seudos / Ma'ariv** (4:10 pm) Thanks to **Lenny & Fran Alper** and **Irwin & Roz Rosen** for sponsoring Shalosh Seudos in memory of their beloved mothers, **Becky Alper** and **Ann Rosen**.
- **Shabbos Concludes** (5:31 pm)

Coming Events

- **“Mystical Moments”** with **Rabbi Max Weiman** every Sunday between Mincha & Maariv
- **New Mezzuzos** Please notice the new mezzuzos at the entrances to our Sanctuary. Special Thanks to **David & Norma Rubin** for donating the 2 mezzuzos for the entrance of the lower level and the entrance to the Chapel. Please see information about the new Sanctuary mezzuzos at the end of this bulletin.

שבת שלום

This Week

At a Glance

	Shabbos Nov 17	Sun. Nov 18	Mon. Nov 19	Tues. Nov 20	Wed. Nov 21	Thur. Nov 22	Fri. Nov 23	Shabbos Nov 24
Shachris	8:30 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv	4:10pm	4:20 pm	4:20 pm	-	-	4:20 pm	4:20 pm	4:05 pm
Maariv Only				6:45 pm	6:45 pm			
<i>Events – see times in Event Planner Box below</i>	Child Care; Youth Prog.; Study Group	Learn Mishna; Tanya	Give to the Matching Fund	\$54,000 Challenge	Lunch 'n' Learn;	Thanks- giving!	Erev Shabbos	Child Care; Youth Prog.; Study Group

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NHBZ Event Planner (check 'Coming Events' for time, date or location changes)

Call the office at 314-991-2100 to confirm the date and time for 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** (Half-an-hour 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** every Sunday 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, 7:00 pm)
- **Dine-In Pizza Night** (Last Sunday 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm)
- **Carry-Out Pizza Night** (Wednesday mid-month)
- **Sisterhood** (Third Tuesday)
- **Women's Guide to Time** (As scheduled) with Rebbitzin Chani Smason

NHBZ Signature Events

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

Coming Events

- **Dine-In Pizza Buffet** – Sunday, November 25. (5:00-7:00 pm) With Professional Pizza Chef, John Nall, 2010 & 2011 Pizza Champion, Taste of St. Louis Competition!
- **Chopstix of Teaneck** - Friends of the Hebrew Academy and the Young Israel Women's division are excited to be able to offer real Chinese takeout from the renown Chopstix of Teaneck, NJ. Go to <http://eha.org/bin/sale.php> to place your order. Food will be delivered the week of Dec. 3 to Young Israel, 8010 Delmar Blvd, 63130. No orders will be accepted without payment. Questions? Contact Vicki Isakow at fha@eha.org or Hessie Needle at 726-4591
- **Family Chanukah Party** – Saturday night, December 15. Details to follow.

Meetings

- **Executive Committee Meeting** – (Tuesday, Nov. 27; Minyan at 6:45 pm, Meeting at 7:00 pm)

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 special & unique in honor or in memory of someone, please call 314-991-2100, ext. 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 shul & sisterhood tributes, call Phyllis Silverman, 314-434-2482; For Libby Needle Fund, call Sally Needle, 314-991-2575.
- **Synagogue Honors** - It is customary to make a donation to the synagogue for an Aliyah or other synagogue honors received.
- **Free Money for NHBZ!!** – Use your Schnuck's Card and buy Gift Cards now; call the NHBZ office at 991-2100 for details.
- **Buy a Brick Online or by Phone** – Our website 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, ext. 2.
- **Kashrus Alert Issued by the cRc – Insects in Barley, Recent Infestations** - After an assortment of manufacturers were inspected, it was found that infestation generally occurs **after** the grain is packaged; infestation was found even in containers bearing a reliable kosher logo. However, based on information from the Star-K, **Quaker and Jackrabbit Brands** of barley are insect free and **do not require checking**. The Vaad recommends that during Nov & Dec 2012, you should inspect other brands of barley before using it. For all details, please see the notice in the lobby describing what to look for and methods of inspection.
- **"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. Please come to the office or place your orders by calling 314-991-2100, ext. 2.
- **Mazel Tov On Simchas Nov 17-23. Happy Birthday** to Kenny Bressler, Alan Brook, Carly Eisenberg, Rachel Pollock and Sally Tofle. **No Wedding Anniversaries in November!!!**. Show your friends you care - SEND A TRIBUTE: Shul and Sisterhood: Phyllis Silverman 314-434-2482; Libby Needle Fund: Sally Needle 314-991-2575; Chesed Fund: Drop by the office for a Card Pack
anks, so far, to **Ruth Alper, Ted & Rachael Pevnick** and our **NHBZ Sisterhood** for starting our toy drive!!!

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Please RSVP This Week!!!*

The NHBZ 107th Anniversary Celebration

Honoring

Rabbi Shaya Mintz of St. Louis Kollel and **Rebbitzin Mindi Mintz** of Torah Prep
and Woman of Valor ~ our own, **Ruth Novack Alper**

Sunday Evening, December 2, 2012
at *Nusach Hari B'nai Zion*

We are proud to present our Honorees for 2012 ~~ **Rabbi Shaya** and **Mindi Mintz**, and the recipient of our Woman of Valor Award – **Ruth Novack Alper**.

It is with great pleasure that we give well-deserved kovod (honor) to these wonderful people on Sunday, December 2, 2012. We have chosen to create an elegant, elaborate evening right here – to celebrate our anniversary in a grand manner.

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In 1930 the St. Louis Zoo opened its new bird house, allowing visitors to see and hear their exotic feathered friends up close. The zoo contained a rare collection of rare birds. Until the crowds arrived, one donated parrot had a flaw that flew under the radar: A certain red-headed bird was a potty-mouthed parrot. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that its mildest phrase was "Go to hell." Other colorful expressions couldn't make print. Embarrassed zookeepers quickly banished the parrot from public earshot, calling its vocabulary unsuitable for children. A new owner for the notorious bird was sought. More than 500 letters, telephone calls and telegrams were received from people offering to give the profane parrot a new home.

Motivations varied. Several offered to reform the bird. A woman in Virginia promised to teach it to pray. A Missouri fraternity wrote, "There are 88 boys ... who would be more than pleased to have a pet that is both entertaining and instructive." The wife of a St. Louis police officer said the parrot could give her husband's salty tongue some competition. And from Ottawa Lake, Mich., came this plaintive plea: "I am a lone widow, 65 years old. My husband died two years ago and I am awful lonesome." In the end, the parrot went to a man in New York for \$150, a whopping sum given that new 1930 Ford sport coupes were advertised for \$525. The St. Louis Zoo still uses the Spanish-style bird house. It has 18 parrots there and in the Children's Zoo. None of them is known to use fowl ...er, foul language.

King David said, "Guard your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from speaking deceit" (Psalm 34:13). Good advice for parrots -- and imperative guidelines for people.

Parshas Toldos Genesis 25:19 -- 28:9

Isaac and Rebecca pray to G-d for a child. Rebecca finally conceives, and after a difficult pregnancy she gives birth to twins -- Esau and Jacob. Their personality differences soon grow apparent, as Esau turns to hunting while Jacob is pure and wholesome, spending his time studying Torah. Returning from a hunting expedition, Esau finds Jacob cooking a pot of lentil soup. Jacob agrees to give his older brother a portion from the pot of soup in exchange for the spiritual birthright.

Faced with a severe famine, Isaac and family settle in Gerar (the land of the Philistines within Israel's borders) rather than descend to Egypt as his father Abraham had done years before. After experiencing astonishing financial success, Isaac comes into continual conflict with King Avimelech over the wells which Isaac dug anew. This pattern of 'success and persecution' has repeated itself throughout Jewish history. Isaac decides to bless Esau as the firstborn. At Rebecca's insistence, Jacob disguises himself as his older brother and receives the blessing of the firstborn (which rightfully belonged to him). The Torah portion concludes with Jacob fleeing from Esau's wrath for 'stealing' his blessing and escaping to Charan to stay with his uncle, Laban, where he is to find a wife.

Rabbinic Ruminations

Read comments to a blog or Internet article and you'll agree; people are meaner online than in "real life." After all, when you're online no one knows who you are or what you look like. A new study, however, suggests that more than anything else, we're rude on the Internet because we don't make eye contact with others.

Researchers at the University of Haifa asked 71 pairs of college students who did not know one another to debate an issue over Instant Messenger and try to come up with an agreeable solution. The pairs, seated in different rooms, chatted in various conditions: Some were invisible to each other, some could see side views of their partner's body through webcams; and others were asked to maintain near-constant eye contact with the aid of close-up cameras attached to the top of their computer.

Far more than anonymity or invisibility, whether or not the subjects had to look into their partner's eyes predicted how mean they were. When their eyes were hidden, participants were twice as likely to be hostile. Even if the subjects were both unrecognizable (with only their eyes on screen) and anonymous, they rarely made threats if they maintained eye contact. Lead author and behavioral scientist Noam Lapidot-Lefler suggests that seeing a

partner's eyes "helps you understand the other person's feelings, the signals that the person is trying to send you," which fosters empathy and communication.

The Torah's command to show love to the stranger is predicated on our awareness that we too were once strangers. (Exodus 22:21) One of the reasons the Torah demands we spend so much time and energy remembering our slavery and exodus from Egypt through numerous mitzvos is to insure that we never forget what it feels like to be oppressed. Awareness of and respect for the feelings of others is a fundamental Jewish principle.

Quote of the Week

The best teachers are those who tell you where to look, but don't tell you what to see -- Alexandra K. Trenfor

Joke of the Week

Several men are in the locker room of a golf club. A cellular phone on a bench rings and a man engages the hands-free speaker function and begins to talk. Everyone else in the room stops to listen.

MAN: "Hello"

WOMAN: "Hi Honey, it's me. Are you at the club?"

MAN: "Yes"

WOMAN: "I'm at the shops now and found this beautiful leather coat. It's only \$2,000; is it OK if I buy it?"

MAN: "Sure, go ahead if you like it that much"

WOMAN: "I also stopped by the Lexus dealership and saw the new models. I saw one I really liked"

MAN: "How much?"

WOMAN: "\$90,000"

MAN: "OK, but for that price I want it with all the options"

WOMAN: "Great! Oh, and one more thing...I was talking to Janie and found out that the house I wanted last year is back on the market. They're asking \$980,000 for it."

MAN: "Well, then go ahead and make an offer of \$900,000. They'll probably take it. If not, we can go the extra eighty-thousand if it's what you really want."

WOMAN: "Oh THANKS! I'll see you later! I love you so much!"

MAN: "Bye! I love you, too."

The man hangs up. The other men in the locker room are staring at him in astonishment, mouths wide open. The man turns and asks, "Anyone know whose phone this is?"

The \$54,000 Challenge

An anonymous donor has issued a challenge to the Nusach Hari B'nai Zion community!

For every **new** dollar we raise for the Capital Campaign, this donor will contribute 50 cents, up to a total of \$18,000! That means if we can raise \$36,000, this donor will contribute \$18,000 to the Capital Campaign. Only new donations, i.e., new donors or donations above and beyond your current Capital Campaign pledge will count toward the challenge. Building Fund donations or Capital Campaign money donated in lieu of the Building Fund will not count toward the challenge. Your donation must be at least \$250 in order to be matched.

This is an opportunity we cannot pass up. We simply cannot afford to allow this challenge to go unmet. We are asking everyone who has not yet given, or who has not given over and above his Building Fund obligation, to PLEASE, PLEASE consider making a donation now so we can receive the full benefit of this very generous grant!

**\$36,000 raised + \$18,000 matched =
\$54,000**

About Our New Mezzuzos

We are grateful to the **Anonymous Donors** who arranged for the design of the stunning mezzuzot for the doorposts leading into the main sanctuary. We thank them, very much for their generous donation.

The donors believe that the doorposts in particular, give us an opportunity to make a statement regarding our transition and our growth. The donors believe that the mezzuzot can provide an opportunity to honor our past, by keeping us mindful of our historical roots in the previous beautiful sanctuary, as we transition through the doorway into our new beautiful sanctuary.

Our donors have worked with designers and artists to create mezzuzot especially for our two doorposts. In their view, the two most striking and beautiful elements of our previous sanctuary were the stained glass windows and the blue glass surrounding the Ark. Accordingly, these new mezzuzot compliment our new stained glass displays, as they contain elements of stained glass within them, and the mezzuzot are set against, and framed by, remnants of the beautiful blue glass that surrounded the ark in our prior home.

The mezzuzot cases themselves are each unique designs created by artists. One is made of fused glass. The other is made of a combination of metals and glass. The first was created by the Israeli artist, Tamara Baskin. The other by American Jewish artist, Gary Rosenthal. And, our own Shayna Scribner and Julie Eisenberg brought the two elements together to create these unique finished works of art.

May our beautiful new mezzuzot remind us of our history of more than one hundred years, as we ride on the shoulders of those who came before us and they carry the new Nusach Hari B'nai Zion into the future, from strength to strength.

- Thank you very much to **Rabbi Howard & Felicia Graber** for their very generous donation of many sefarim (books) to the NHBZ library. Those sefarim that our library cannot accommodate will be available for sale this coming week, in our lower level multi-purpose room. First come, first served! The sefarim are a wide range of Judaica, most in English. Price: \$1 per book. Pamphlets: 4 for \$1.

- **TOYS + GIFTS FOR CHANUKAH** Chanukah begins on Saturday night, December 8th when we light the first candle. Once again, we are collecting Toys for Chanukah for kids in our community who need our help. Please bring your **NEW, UN-WRAPPED** toys, games, books, hats & gloves, etc., for kids of all ages. Cash is always welcome, too! Rabbi Smason will distribute the gifts before and during the week of Chanukah. Th