

NHBZ Shabbos & Pesach Bulletin

April 6, 2013

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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Torah Portion – Shemini:
Haftorah:

Leviticus 9:1 – 11:47
2 Samuel 6:1-19

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Erev Shabbos - Friday, April 5

- **Mincha & Ma'ariv** (7:00 pm)
- **Candle Lighting** (7:10 pm)

Shabbos - Saturday, April 6

- **SHACHRIS & MUSAF** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
 - Shacharis: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
 - Leyning: **Aryeh Needle**
 - Haftorah: **Reuven Tzadok**
 - Sermon: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
 - Musaf: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
- **KIDDUSH** ~ (After Musaf)
- **Mincha, Shalosh Seudos, Ma'ariv** (6:55 pm)
- **Shabbos Concludes** (8:14 pm).



COMING EVENTS (see Event Planner Box for all events)

- **Vaad Hoer Maos Chitim Campaign** ~ (It's Never Too Late!!!) – The Maos Chitim campaign assists people in Israel and in our own St. Louis community to properly observe and celebrate Pesach. Please make your checks payable to Vaad Hoer Maos Chitim, and write "NHBZ" on the notation; send checks to the Vaad Hoer or to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion. It's never too late to help our people and support the Vaad Hoer fund.
- **The Irvin Alper Social Club** ~ Sunday, April 7, 6:00 p.m. New location – at the home of Ruth Alper. Come and enjoy dinner and good friends plus a movie, play cards or just shmooze. Please speak to Ruth Alper for details, reservations and directions to her home, 314-569-2877.
- **A New Bi-Monthly Women's Tefila Class.** Led by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason, the class will meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Norma Rubin, at 1039 Chartres in University City (one block east of McKnight, off Old Bonhomme). Next class: Monday, April 8. The focus of our class is the structure and deeper meaning of the Shabbos morning service and prayers, and how prayer can be used as a basis for our own communication with G-d. All women welcome!
- **Rosh Chodesh Iyar** ~ Wednesday and Thursday, April 10 & 11.

MINYAN! IT'S GOOD FOR US & GOOD FOR YOU!!!

This Week At a Glance	Shabbos April 6	Sun. April 7	Mon. April 8	Tues. April 9	Wed. April 10	Thurs. April 11	Fri. April 12	Shabbos April 13
Shachris	9:00 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	6:45 am	6:45 am	7:00 am	8:30 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:55 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	6:55 pm
Events – see times in Event Planner Box	Parshas Shemini	Yom HaShoah; Irvin Alper Social Club	Buy Cash Cards; Women's Tefila class at the home of Norma Rubin	Support the Vaad Maos Chitim Fund	Rosh Chodesh Iyar; Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn	Rosh Chodesh Iyar	Erev Shabbos	Synaplex Shabbat; April Birthdays/Wedding Anniv.

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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 (45 minutes before Mincha)

SUNDAY

- Mishna Learning (after Shachris) with Rabb 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

MONDAY

- Women's Tefila Class (2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:00 pm) with Rabbi Smason at the home of

Norma Rubin

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
- Shabbos Parsha (3rd Tuesday, 12:15 pm) with Rabbi Smason at the offices of David Rubin
- 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

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- **Israeli-Themed Synaplex Shabbat** ~ April 13. Lunch in honor of April Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries and in honor of Yom Ha'Atzmaut. Speakers and Topics: Rabbi Smason will speak on the topic: "Israel As An Asset to the United States," Sam "Bodi" Bodenheimer, founder of Kol HaOlam Project, CEO of Spicerack Music Group and Worldwide Entertainer, will speak on the topic: "Looking from the Outside, In: How Jews Around the World Relate to Israel;" Rabbi Boaz Shachak of Torah MiTzion Kollel will speak on the topic: "Religious Zionism." Regular services at 8:30 a.m., Learners' Service at 10:00 a.m., Break out Synaplex sessions at 11:00 a.m., Lunch at noon. Please come and share a great Shabbos with us!!!!
- **An A Cappella Evening** ~ Saturday night, April 13 at 9:00 p.m. ~ An intimate evening with internationally acclaimed Musical Guest Sam "Bodi" Bodenheimer.
- **Please join us for a new class series with Rabbi Smason** at The Law Offices of David A. Rubin, L.L.C. – NEAR THE "J" – 10880 Baur Blvd., 63132. The 3rd Tuesday of the month, 12:15 p.m. Next class: April 16, Kedoshim: What is Holiness? Following months' schedule: May 21: Be'ha'aloscha: The Priestly Blessings. June 18: Balak: Bilaam; a Non-Jewish Prophet?
- **Yom Hazikaron** (Israel Memorial Day) ~ Monday, April 15
- **Yom Ha'Atzmaut** (Israel Independence Day) ~ Tuesday, April 16
- **Sisterhood Luncheon and Golden-Dollar-Bingo** ~ Tuesday, April 16. Delicious lunch and Bingo – AND featuring Spring Fashions – Hats, purses, jewelry. \$6.50 donation. RSVP, Rachael Pevnick, 314-395-6017.
- **Friday Night Dinner** ~ April 19 ~ Soul-Soaring-Shabbos-Singing and a Deeee-licious Dinner for the whole family!!! \$18.00 for Adults, \$8.00 for Kids 4-10, FREE to Kids 3 and under. Thanks to **Julie Eisenberg**, and her crew, who will prepare one of Julie's fabulous Friday Night Dinners!!! Mincha, 6:15 pm; Dinner, 7:00 pm.

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- **Shabbos, April 20** ~ Kiddush and Lunch in honor of the 90th birthday of **Marian Walters**, will be sponsored by her children, **Vivian & Alan Zarkowsky and Evelyn & Bob Solomon**. Salad for the luncheon will be sponsored by **Dr. Susan Feigenbaum and Dr. Jay Pepose** in honor of their children, **Max, Morissa and Sam** graduating from Whitfield School. Sam will be attending the Vanderbilt School of Engineering. College plans for Morissa and Max have not yet been finalized.
- **Lag B'Omer and All You Can Eat Pizza Buffet** ~ Sunday, April 28

Special Gifts Campaign ~ Our 2013 Special Gifts Campaign will be underway soon. A Special Gift is a contribution apart from Membership Dues, donations for Yahrzeits, Aliyos, Mi Shebarachs, or other "regular" categories. You will be receiving a letter that will explain all the details, then a follow-up phone call a couple of weeks later. We ask you to give generously. Special Gifts support our many programs you have come to enjoy, including learning, children's programming, and so much more.

Meetings

- **Board of Directors** (Tuesday, April 9) Minyan at 7:00 p.m.; Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Reminders

- **Buy and Use Cash Cards** – call the office ASAP to order your cards and *earn free money* for NHBZ!
- **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 a loved one, 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.
- **Mi Shebarach List** ~ Prayers will be said for a Refuah Shelayma for your loved ones and friends. Please call the office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2, by 10:00 a.m. Friday mornings so we can include the names on our Mi Shebarach list for Shabbos. We need the names of the person who is ill AND his/her mother's name in Hebrew, or English--if Hebrew names are unavailable. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.
- **Memorial Plaques** ~ All memorial plaques from our former location are lovingly mounted in our new building. Remember your loved ones with a plaque; prices range from \$150 to \$275. Call the office for details.
- **Shalosh Seudos, The 3rd Meal of Shabbos** ~ To sponsor Shalosh Seudos on Shabbos, which takes place between Mincha and Ma'ariv, please call the office to make arrangements. We are very grateful to those of you who sponsor the Third Meal as you observe the yahrtzeits of your dear family members.
- **Mishna Study for a Loved One** ~ Learning Mishnayos in memory of a loved one or for a Refuah Shelayma for a person who is ill is an age-old Jewish Tradition. The word Mishna (learning) is closely related to the word Neshama (soul), and we believe that learning Mishnayos in someone's name acts as a Spiritual Elevation for that person or that person's soul. Our NHBZ Mishnayos Shiur, which learns every Sunday following morning minyan, is carrying on this tradition by dedicating the Mishnayos to those in whose names the Mishnayos will be learned. You may dedicate Mishnayos for 1 year: \$250; 6 months: \$150; 3 months: \$96; 1 month, \$50. May your loved one be bound up in the bond of eternal life. *May HaShem be filled with compassion to restore the health of your loved one.*

SIMCHAS, NEWS & FEATURES

- **MAZEL TOV ON SIMCHAS** April 6-12. **Happy Birthday to Loren Abrams, Chasya Smason Rosenbaum, Sid Silverman, Trudy Sudin, Martin Tessler and Margo Tzadok. No Wedding Anniversaries in April.** Show your friends you care ~ send a tribute. Shul: Gloria Waxman 314-872-3296; Sisterhood: Phyllis Silverman 314-434-2482; Libby Needle Fund: Sally Needle 314-991-2575; For Chesed Fund: Drop by the office for a Card Pack.
- **TOMCHEI SHABBOS** ~ The food drive continues! Please pick up a bag to fill with non-perishable food items available at NHBZ in the office or chapel. Money donations are always welcome! For more details, or to arrange a pick up at your home, please call **Sally Needle** at 991-2575.
- **Yom HaShoah** The St. Louis community will mark Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) Sunday, April 7, 4 pm at Congregation B'nai Amoona, 324 S. Mason Road. The theme for this year's program is "Voices from the Holocaust." The program will feature eyewitness accounts by three survivors, Ben Fainer, Sara Moses and Sara Wolf, and liberator Sanford "Buddy" Lebman, a traditional candle-lighting ceremony, Holocaust Torah procession, liturgical readings and prayers, and recognition of the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising. Music will be performed by Elegant Ensembles and the B'nai Amoona Zamarim teen chorus. The event is sponsored by Sara and Leo Wolf. For more information, contact the Holocaust Museum and Learning Center at 314-442-3714 or email dreich@jfedstl.org.
- **Holocaust Museum Presents ~ Story of Survivor's Journey** ~ The Holocaust Museum and Learning Center is hosting a special presentation, "One Holocaust Survivor's Journey," by Rabbi Philip Lazowski, PhD, on April 21 at 1 pm. The presentation will take place in the Museum's Theater in the Jewish Federation Kopolow Building, 12 Millstone Campus Drive. Rabbi Lazowski was born in 1930 near Vilna in Bielice, Poland (now Belarus). He survived the Holocaust by hiding for almost three years in White Russian forests. Rabbi Lazowski immigrated to the United States in 1947, and is currently Rabbi Emeritus at Beth Hillel Synagogue in Bloomfield, Connecticut. Rabbi Lazowski has authored seven books, including his most recent publication, *Power of Faith*. Several of Rabbi Lazowski's publications will be available for sale and signing by the author. Space is limited, and reservations are required. The presentation is sponsored by the Holocaust Museum and Learning Center, in Memory of Gloria M. Goldstein, Maryville University, the Saul Brodsky Jewish Community Library; with generous support of Dr. Susan K. Feigenbaum, Dr. Jay Pepose and family. Please call 314-442-3711 or email agoldfeder@jfedstl.org for reservations or further information.
- **Amazing Guest Speaker** ~ sponsored by Jewish Parents As Teachers (JPAT) and JCC Family Center. Dr. Milton Rubin will speak on Tuesday, April 16th, 10:30 a.m. to noon on the topic: "*Effective Parenting Is Not Luck: Mastering 4 Parental Skills.*" Dr. Rubin has been in private practice since 1965, and has extensive experience dealing with children, adolescents and the psychology of healthy parenting. There will be no charge for the program, refreshments will be served and complimentary babysitting is available. Location: Temple Israel, 1 Rabbi Alvan Rubin Drive, 63141. No RSVP necessary. Questions? Please call JPAT Director Leslie Wolf, 314-432-8076 or lwolf@ti-stl.org
- **OHR PESIA** ~ Women's Torah Learning Program. Special 3-Week Class at NUSACH HARI B'NAI ZION!!! MEGILLAS RUTH. Few things make sense in Megillas Ruth. A girl from a murky past converts to Judaism and ends up marrying into Jewish royalty, eventually becoming the great-grandmother of King David. Why is her past so shrouded in mystery? What did she do exactly to merit becoming the "mother" of Mashiach? And why do we read this book, in particular, every Shavuot? Instructor: Mimi David, Wednesdays, April 24, May 1 and May 8; 8:00 p.m. Fee \$15.00. Registration: ohrpesia@gmail.com or visit www.ohrpesia.com.

Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates

If you want to say something works with smoothness and precision, you might say it runs like "clockwork" or "a well-oiled machine." If you're a knowledgeable baseball fan, you might say it goes like "Tinkers to Evers to Chance." Shortstop Joe Tinker, second baseman Johnny Evers and first baseman Frank Chance were members of a stellar early 20th Century Chicago Cubs infield. Their ability to turn a double play was immortalized in the 1910 baseball poem, "Baseball's Sad Lexicon" by Franklin Pierce Adams.

These are the saddest of possible words:

"Tinker to Evers to Chance."

Trio of bear cubs, and fleeter than birds,

Tinker and Evers and Chance.

Tinker, Evers, and Chance -- all inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1946 -- were part of the Chicago Cubs' World Series-winning teams in 1907 and 1908, their last World Series title. Cubs fans maintain that since 1908, the Chicago North Siders have simply had "a 100 year run of bad luck." Some attribute the Cubs futility to 'The curse of the Billy Goat.' In 1945 a fan was asked to leave a World Series game because his pet goat's odor was bothering other fans; that fan supposedly invoked a curse against the Cubs. In 1969 some superstitious fans attributed a monumental late-season Cubs collapse to an incident where a black cat (an omen of bad luck) walked behind the Cubs on-deck circle where captain Ron Santo was standing.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Shallow men believe in luck or in circumstance. Strong men believe in cause and effect." The words 'luck', 'chance' and 'coincidence' are not part of a Jewish vocabulary. While it is often difficult (if not impossible) to know why things happen, a solidly-founded belief in G-d will lead to the inescapable conclusion that there are no accidents. Everything -- even for the Chicago Cubs -- happens for a reason.

Parshas Shemini Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47

This week's Torah portion begins by discussing the events which occurred on the eighth and final day of the inauguration service of the Mishkan. After months of preparation, Aaron and his sons are finally installed as Kohanim in an elaborate service. Aaron blesses the people, and the entire nation rejoices as G-d's presence rests upon them. However, the excitement comes to an abrupt halt as Aaron's two eldest sons, Nadav and Avihu, are consumed by a heavenly fire in the Mishkan while innovating an offering of incense on the altar. This incident stresses the need to perform the commandments only as G-d directed. Later, Moses consoles Aaron, who grieves in silence.

Have you ever wondered where the laws of kosher food come from? Parshas Shemini concludes with a listing of the kosher and non-kosher animals. The identifying signs of a kosher land animal are that it has split hooves and chews, regurgitates and re-chews its food. A kosher fish is one that has both fins and scales. All birds not included in the list of forbidden fowl are permitted. However, today the identities of these non-kosher birds are doubtful. Therefore, we're forbidden to eat any species of bird unless there is a well-established tradition that it is kosher. The Torah forbids all types of insects except for four species of locusts. Chocolate-covered grasshoppers, anyone? The laws of kashrut help us to be distinct and holy -- like G-d, Himself.

Rabbinic Ruminations

Researchers probing the deepest ocean have found a surprisingly high concentration of microbes, the latest evidence of organisms thriving in inhospitable environments that is reshaping scientists' understanding of the conditions necessary for life. The bacteria were found nearly 6.8 miles below sea level, on the floor of the Pacific Ocean's Mariana Trench, according to the researchers, whose findings were recently published by the journal Nature Geoscience. No light reaches that part of the ocean, where the temperature is an estimated 36 degrees Fahrenheit.

Researchers have previously found life -- in the form of organisms -- in a number of unlikely environments:

Inside deep-water ocean vents, despite high temperatures and lack of sunlight
Under the Antarctic ice sheet, where bacteria appear to have been living for millions of years
Inside rocks in Yellowstone National Park's hot springs
A foot below the surface of Chile's Atacama Desert, one of the driest places on Earth
At such depths, little is left of the plant matter on the ocean surface that, as it drifts downward, sustains fish and other ocean life. Filmmaker James Cameron, who last year dived in a submersible to the floor of the Mariana Trench, called it a "sterile, almost desert-like place."

What does it take to sustain human life? Ethics of the Fathers teaches, "Greet every person with a smiling and warm face!" A smile is not merely a kind thing to do, making the world a more pleasant place. A smile is an essential ingredient in the healthy continuity of the world. Even if we have nothing material to share with someone who is needy, we have in our possession something far more powerful and life-giving -- the warmth of friendly, human contact. Your smile can help to sustain a life, even in the most unlikely of environments.

Quote of the Week

Life is no "brief candle" to me. It is a sort of splendid torch, which I have got hold of for a moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations. - *George Bernard Shaw*

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Consider the story of the butcher who laid an egg. A man ran into the butcher shop just before closing on Erev Shabbos. "You've got to help me," he said. "I told my wife I'd bring home a chicken for tonight's dinner, and I forgot! Do you have any chickens left?"

"Well, I'll see," the butcher said, and he went into the cooler. He found only one thin, scrawny chicken, which he brought for the customer to look over.

The man shook his head. "Haven't you got anything else?"

Hiding his irritation, the butcher headed back to the cooler, taking the chicken with him. There were no others, so after a few minutes he brought the same chicken out again. "Took me a while, but I found this one."

The customer sighed. "All right. I'll take 'em both."