

NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

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Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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Torah Portion – Terumah: Exodus 25:1 – 27:19
Haftorah: 1 Kings 5:26 – 6:13

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Erev Shabbos - Friday, February 15

- Mincha & Ma'ariv (5:15 pm)
- Candle Lighting (5:20 pm)

Shabbos - Saturday, February 16

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
 - Shacharis: **Menachem Szus**
 - Leyning: **Aryeh Needle**
 - Haftorah: **David Rubin**
 - Sermon: **No Sermon Today**
 - Musaf: **David Rubin**
- **Shabbos Lunch & Learn** ~ (After Musaf) In honor of February birthdays and wedding anniversaries. Rabbi Smason will speak on the topic: *"What's the Truth About . . . ? Five Jewish Myths & Urban Legends!!"* Thanks to **Don & Julie Eisenberg** for the donation of special cookies, "home-baked" at NHBZ for dessert today, in memory of beloved father, **Harold Eisenberg**, ר"צ. And, BTW, **Don** baked the cookies himself, with help from his daughter, **Carly!!!!**
- **Bon Appetit** ~ We have placed a plate of rolls on each table for our Shabbos Luncheon today. The purpose of these rolls is twofold: 1.) To enable each person to make or hear *Ha'Motzei* (the blessing on bread) over *Lechem Mishne* (two rolls or loaves of bread), and 2.) To enable each person to eat the minimum amount required when *Ha'Motzei* is made or heard; namely, one roll. **Please be seated while Rabbi Smason says Kiddush and makes HaMotzi.** Thanks to **Linda Szus** and **Anna Rose Tandler** for baking the rolls for each luncheon that everyone enjoys so much. Enjoy our luncheon today -- and *B'tayavon* (Bon Appetit)!
- **Mincha, Shalosh Seudos, Ma'ariv** (5:00 pm)
- **Shabbos Concludes** (6:24 pm)
- **RSVP FOR PURIM SEUDAH!!!! Complete with Whiskey Slush!!!! A Very Special & Festive Purim Feast ~ Israeli Style!** Prepared by **Sima Moria** and **Moshe Pinto**, with help from **Mati Elmaleh** and **Boris Yasinev**. Sunday, February 24. Adults: \$15; Kids 4-10: \$8; Kids 3 & under: Free. RSVP 314-991-2100, ext. 2.



This Week

| <i>At a Glance</i> | Shabbos Feb. 16 | Sun. Feb. 17 | Mon. Feb. 18 | Tues. Feb. 19 | Wed. Feb. 20 | Thur. Feb. 21 | Fri. Feb. 22 | Shabbos Feb. 23 |
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| Shachris | 9:00 am | 8:00 am | 8:00 am | 7:00 am | 7:00 am | 6:45 am | 7:00 am | 9:00 am |
| Mincha/Ma'ariv | 5:00 pm | 5:20 pm | 5:20 pm | - | - | 5:10 pm | 5:20 pm | 5:10 pm |
| Maariv Only | - | - | - | 6:45 pm | 6:45 pm | - | - | - |
| Events – see times in Event Planner Box below | Shabbos Lunch & Learn Celebrating February Birthdays & Anniversaries | BUY CASH CARDS! | Presidents' Day | BUY CASH CARDS! | Rabbi Smason's Lunch 'n' Learn | Fast of Esther, 5:33 am to 6:27 pm. | Erev Shabbos | Shabbos Zachor; Maariv 7:00 pm; Read Megillah 7:15 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**

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

- **PURIM IS ALMOST HERE!** Fulfill the mitzvah of Matanos L'Evyonim ~ Giving Charity to the Poor.
 - 1.)** In recent years, NHBZ has collected money to give to **Od Yosef Chai**, an organization that distributes money to the needy in Israel and in our own community. Please make checks payable to **Od Yosef Chai** and bring or send them to our office. Please be generous so we can exceed last year's total of \$1,391.00 – Help put us over the top!!! **Rabbi Smason will need your checks in the office by Friday morning, February 22, before 11:00 a.m.** when he will place the call to the Od Yosef Chai office with our total.
 - 2.)** Buy special "pasta groggers" for \$4.00 each. Use the boxes of pasta as groggers during the reading of Megillas Esther, after which they will be donated to the Jewish Food Pantry; proceeds will benefit the NHBZ Chesed Fund and the Rabbi's Charity Fund. A VERY BIG THANK YOU to Paul Mendelson for, once again, making the generous donation of the "pasta groggers."
- **Sunday, February 17** ~ I-Chat, 4:00-5:00 p.m., in NHBZ's Lower Level
- **Tuesday, February 19** ~ **Please join us for a new class series with Rabbi Ze'ev Smason** at The Law Offices of David A. Rubin, L.L.C. 10880 Baur Blvd., 63132. The third Tuesday of the month, 12:15 p.m. First class on **Feb. 19, Terumah: Building an Inner Sanctuary**. Following months' schedule: **March 19, Vayikra: Why Did We Bring Sacrifices?** **April 16, Kedoshim: What is Holiness?** **May 21: Be'ha'aloscha: The Priestly Blessings.** **June 18: Balak: Bilaam; a Non-Jewish Prophet?**
- **This Thursday, February 21** ~ **Ta'anis Esther ~ The Fast of Esther begins at 5:33 a.m. and concludes at 6:27 p.m.**
- **This Thursday, February 21** ~ **Style Workshop! Learn the Art of Dressing** ~ An evening focusing on "Color & Style" with **Sharone Goodman** (Julie Eisenberg's sister). Thursday, February 21, 7:30-9:00 p.m. in our lower level multi-purpose room; \$18.00 per person. Learn the skills of dressing! Choose the right colors and styles! **RSVP to Julie Eisenberg, 314-725-6398 OR jrecooksat@aol.com**

- **February 23 & 24 ~ Reading the Megilla ~ Saturday night, February 23:** Mincha 5:10 p.m. Shalosh Seudos following Mincha. Havdalah: 6:32 p.m. Ma'ariv: 7:00 p.m. Megilla Reading (by Rabbi Shaya Mintz): 7:15 p.m. Special "Pasta Groggers" available for purchase to be donated to the Jewish Food Pantry. Please bring non-perishable food or toiletry items; barrels are already set up in our upper & lower levels. Ice Cream Treats for ALL!! **Sunday morning, Feb. 24:** Shachris: 8:00 a.m. Megilla Reading (by Rabbi Michael Rovinsky): 8:30 a.m.
- **Shabbos, March 2 ~** Kiddush in honor of Larry & Rayna Chervitz.
- **Saturday Night, March 2 ~** Indulge yourself at the NHBZ *Wine & Chocolate Pairings* with noted wine columnist, Gail Appleson. 7:30 p.m. at 7700 Forsyth Blvd., Suite 1800, in Clayton (at Armstrong Teasdale in the Centene Building). \$15.00 per person in advance. RSVP by Wednesday, February 27, 314-991-2100, ext. 2. Space is limited, so call early!!!
- **Shabbos, March 9 ~** Shabbos Lunch & Learn in honor of March Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries. Thanks to **Jerry & Fran Cohen** for sponsoring Chollent & Sesame Noodles in honor of their 62nd Wedding Anniversary in February, and Jerry's "Special" birthday in March. **Mazel Tov to Jerry and Fran!!!**
- **Sunday, March 10 ~** NHBZ Sisterhood & the Irvin Alper Social Club invite everyone to their **Antiques Road Show & Dinner** at 6:00 p.m. Interesting ~ Funny ~ Surprising!!!! Bring an item. Values determined by Art Ressel, of the renowned Ivey-Selkirk Appraisers. All you can eat dinner follows (Pasta with Meat Sauce, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert and Beverages.) **Admission \$10.00** per person. RSVP: Rachael Pevnick (314-395-6017) or Ruth Alper (314-569-2877). All profits will benefit the "Passport to Israel" program. Come and support our NHBZ kids!!

Meetings

- **Sisterhood Luncheon & Gold Dollar Bingo** (Tuesday, March 12, at noon.) Delicious Lunch & Prizes! Corned Beef & Turkey Sandwich, Potato Salad, Mixed Green Salad, Sweets, Coffee, Soda & More!!! \$6.50 donation. Men & Women of all ages Welcome!!! RSVP: Rachael Pevnick, 314-395-6017.
- **Executive Committee** (Tuesday, February 26, 2013) Minyan at 6:45 p.m.; Meeting at 7:00 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 **by 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; either in Hebrew or English--if Hebrew names are unavailable. 314-991-2100, ext. 2. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.
- **Memorial Plaques** ~ All memorial plaques from our former location have been lovingly mounted in our new building. You can honor and remember your loved ones with a plaque: Cast Iron Plaques with names in raised lettering, \$275.00; Molay is recited on each yahrtzeit. Brass Plaques \$150.00; inscribed with name. Molay is recited on each yahrtzeit.

Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates

Habits are hard to break. But with a substantial incentive from her father, Rachel Baier is taking a break from Facebook until the end of the school year. The 14-year-old Rachel made a deal with her father; stay off of Facebook for five months, and pocket \$200. Terms of the arrangement include Rachel having given her father her password, which he has changed to prevent her from accessing her account. Rachel's father Paul said the creative arrangement was Rachel's idea. "She is an honors student but she says Facebook can be distracting." Rachel originally asked for \$70, but then, like an expert negotiator, she came back and asked for \$200. "When she realized it would be for five months and she wanted an amount that would really excite her," Paul explained. Paul hopes this may start a trend. "I've realized that she is part of generation of kids that has grown up on Facebook. She's been on it for two years full time. This is two years of 24/7 teen discussion of friends, clothes, parties, etc. They can't get away from it. I'm proud she recognized the benefit of a hiatus. She plans to go on using it after the contract end." The contract ends June 26 -- the last day of school.

The most precious commodity we have is time. The secular world says "time is money"; Judaism says "time is life." There are several ways to make better use of time. Each day, ask yourself, "What are the most important things I need to do today?" As often as possible, ask: "What is the best use of my time right now?" The Torah teaches us to value time. The Almighty gives us a limited amount of time and it is up to us to make the most of it. Many of us live our lives as if we will live forever, putting off even important things for another day. Even a moment of life can have great spiritual value. Psalm 90:12 says, "Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom." May the Almighty grant us the understanding to value our days -- and even to value each and every second.

Parshas Terumah Exodus 25:1-27:19

Parshas Terumah begins a series of four out of five portions which discuss in detail the construction of the Mishkan, the traveling Tabernacle which would serve as a 'resting place' for G-d's presence amongst the Jewish people. This week's portion recounts G-d's description to Moses of how to construct the Mishkan, beginning with a listing of the various precious materials to be collected from the Jewish people for this monumental project. G-d describes the magnificent golden and wooden Ark which would house the tablets of the Ten Commandments, complete with its dazzling cover depicting two cherubim (angels with faces of children) facing each other. Next, G-d provides Moses with the blueprints of the *shulchan* (holy table) upon which the *lechem hapanim* (showbread) would be placed each week. Following the description of the pure golden menorah which was to be hammered from one large piece of gold, G-d describes the structure of the Mishkan itself. It contained splendidly woven and embroidered covers, curtains and partitions, and the sturdy outer walls. The Torah portion concludes with instructions for the copper altar and the Mishkan's large outer courtyard.

Rabbinic Ruminations

On August 18, 1913, at the casino in Monte Carlo, there was a panicked rush by the gamblers to bet on red in a game of roulette. Players doubled and tripled their stakes, beginning about the time black had come up a phenomenal fifteen times in a row: Many believed there was not a chance in a million of another repeat. But that day in Monte Carlo the ball fell on black a record 26 times in a row, an extremely uncommon occurrence (against odds of 67,108,863 to one, neglecting the 0 slot on the wheel), and gamblers lost millions of francs betting *against* black after the black streak began. Gamblers reasoned incorrectly that the streak was causing an "imbalance" in the randomness of the wheel, and that it had to be followed by a long streak of red.

The Gambler's fallacy, also known as the Monte Carlo fallacy (from the incident described above), is based upon a failure to understand statistical independence. This glitch in our thinking leads us to put a tremendous amount of weight on previous events, believing that they'll somehow influence future outcomes. The classic example is coin-tossing. After flipping heads, say, five consecutive times, our inclination is to predict an increase in likelihood that the next coin toss will be tails — that the odds must certainly be in the favor of heads. But in reality, the odds are still 50/50. Another instance of the Gambler's fallacy occurs concerning child birth: Some expectant parents

believe that, after having multiple children of the same sex, they are "due" to have a child of the opposite sex, when the probability of having a child of either gender is still regarded as 50/50.

William Blake said, " To the eyes of a miser a guinea is more beautiful than the sun, and a bag worn with the use of money has more beautiful proportion than a vine filled with grapes." An objective source of truth is invaluable when we find ourselves leaning in the wrong direction. Where can we turn for such a source? "The Torah of G-d is perfect," says King David in Psalm 19:8, "restoring the soul; the testimony of G-d is trustworthy, making the simple one wise." Let your source of objectivity be the truth of the Torah.

Quote of the Week

Progress today can be defined as man's ability to complicate simplicity. -- *Thor Heyerdahl* (from his book, *Fatu-Hiva*)

Joke of the Week

Two Texans are sitting on a plane from Dallas and an old Jewish Texan is sitting between them.

The first Texan says, "My name is Roger. I own 250,000 acres. I have 1000 head of cattle, and they call my place The Jolly Roger."

The second Texan says, "My name is John. I own 350,000 acres. I have 5000 head of cattle and they call my place Bog John's."

They both looked down at the Jewish man who says, "My name is Irving and I own only 300 acres."

Roger looks down at him and says, "300 acres! What do you raise?"

"Nothing" Irving says.

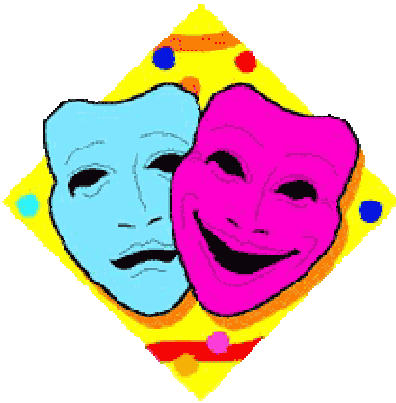
"Well then, what do you call it?" asks John.

"Downtown Dallas." (Thanks to Rabbi Sheldon Grafstein)

Simchas, News and Features

- **MAZEL TOV ON SIMCHAS** February 16-22 - **Happy Birthday to Andy Epstein, Rebecca Kaiser, Max Pepose, Morissa Pepose and Sam Pepose. Happy Anniversary to Jerry and Fran Cohen.** 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.
- **Kashrus Alert from the OU** ~ Tootsie Roll Large Pops, Tootsie Roll Industries Inc., Chicago IL, are certified by the Orthodox Union as an OU-D dairy product. Individual pops have the OU-D on their wrapper. Some bags were mistakenly printed with a plain OU. Corrective measures were implemented. Please direct all questions and comments directly to the OU at 212-613-8241.
- **JSU Gala** Jewish Student Union "**INSPIRE A JEWISH TOMORROW!**" March 9th, at the Coronado Ballroom, honoring Michael and Carol Staenberg; special tribute to Rick Kodner and Gail Brody. We will also inaugurate the Meira Bresler Riemer Scholarship Fund. Meira was passionately involved in inspiring the youth of both JSU and NCSY. In her memory, her family and friends have established this National fund, which will provide opportunities to youth to enhance their Jewish identity and love for Israel. For details, to make reservations, or to make a donation visit www.jsustl.com. Contact chairpersons Danielle & Eldad Bialecki or Melanie & Dan Winograd at jsustl@gmail.com. JSU serves more than 700 teens in 11 high schools in the St.Louis area.
- **TOMCHEI SHABBOS COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE IS A SUCCESS!!!** And the food drive continues on! Please pick up a bag for non-perishable food items available at NHBZ. Money donations are always welcome! For more details, or **to arrange a pick up at your home**, please call **Sally Needle** at 991-2575.
- **ACHASHVEROSH'S PALACE** Join us for an exciting casino night with prizes, delicious food, and a silent auction on Sunday night, February 17, 6:00 PM at Clayton High School (1 Mark Twain Circle). Proceeds to benefit Block Yeshiva Athletics; Honorary Chairman Don Makovsky. \$50 per person; advance reservations required. Pay by credit card at blockyeshiva.org, or call the Block Girls School at 872-8701, or e-mail byhsathletics@gmail.com for more info.

- **10% Discount Goes to NHBZ!!!** This year the St. Louis Kollel Bookstore will be offering a special promotion through Purim. Anyone who buys 12 bottles or more of wine or grape juice from the Kollel Bookstore will have **10% of their total purchase** donated to the shul of their choice. That means NHBZ! Any questions? Call Linda Markowitz 314 726-6047 or email office@stlkollel.com
- **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.
- **Sponsor 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 Nusach Hari B'nai Zion 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.*



**Join Us for Our
Purim Seudah**

A Festive Purim Meal

Come in Costume!



Sunday, February 24 – 4:45 PM

Adults: \$15.00 per person \$8.00 for kids 4-10;

Free to Kids 3 and Under

Guest Chefs ~ Sima Moria and Moshe Pinto

Fabulous Israeli Menu, Served Israeli Style!!!

Mike, the Balloon Man, for the Kids (of all ages)!!!

RSVP 314-991-2100, ext. 2