

NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

February 8, 2014

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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Torah Portion: Parshas Tetzaveh: Exodus 27:20 – 30:10
Haftorah: Ezekiel 43:10-27

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Erev Shabbos – Friday Night, February 7, 2014

- Mincha & Ma'ariv (5:05 pm)
- Candle Lighting (5:11 pm)

Shabbos, February 8

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) ~ *Thank You For Leading Davening*
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
 - Shacharis: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
 - LeYning: **Moshe Leib Cohen**
 - Haftorah: **Mayer Taller**
 - Drasha (Sermon): **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
 - Musaf: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
- **Kiddush & Lunch** ~ (After Musaf) Thanks to **Irwin & Roz Rosen** for sponsoring lunch today, and to **Bobby Levine** for sponsoring a cake ~ all in honor of **Sheryl Levine** in celebration of her 50th Birthday!!!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY SHERYL!!!! 😊

- **Bon Appetit** ~ We place a plate of rolls on each table at every Shabbos Luncheon ~ To enable each person to make or hear *Ha'Motzei* (the blessing on bread) over *Lechem Mishne* (two rolls or loaves of bread), **AND** ~ 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.**
- **Mincha, Shalosh Seudos, Ma'ariv** (4:55 pm)
- **Shabbos Concludes** (6:15 pm)

Meetings

- **Board of Directors** ~ Tuesday, February 11, 7:00 p.m.
- **Executive Committee** ~ Tuesday, February 25, 7:00 p.m.
- **Irvin Alper Social Club** ~ Sunday, March 2nd
- **Sisterhood Spring Membership Luncheon** ~ Tuesday, March 18th

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

<i>This Week At a Glance</i>	Shabbos Feb. 8	Sunday Feb. 9	Monday Feb. 10	Tuesday Feb. 11	Wed. Feb. 12	Thurs. Feb. 13	Friday Feb. 14	Shabbos Feb. 15
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/Ma'ariv	4:55 pm	5:15 pm	5:15 pm	-	-	-	5:15 pm	5:00 pm
Ma'ariv Only				6:45 pm	6:45 pm	6:45 pm		
Events – see times in Event Planner Box	<i>Something "Special" for Sheryl Levine!!! ☺</i> <i>Lunch by Irwin & Roz Rosen; Cake by Bobby Levine!!!</i>	<i>CLASS: "Introduction to the History of the Jews" 10:00 am</i>	<i>Tefila Class for Women with Rabbi Smason, 7:00 pm At NHBZ</i>	<i>BUY CASH CARDS</i>	<i>Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi Smason, 12:15 pm;</i> <i>CLASS: Chassidic Insights 7:00 pm</i>	<i>CLASS: "Understanding the Siddur" 7:00 pm</i>	<i>Erev Shabbos</i>	<i>Good Shabbos to Everyone!</i>

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
- “Introduction to the History of the Jews” with Menachem Szus (10:00 am)
- 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.

WEDNESDAY

- Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn (12:15-1:00 pm) now studying Pirkei Avos.
- “Chassidic Insights into the Weekly Parsha” (7:00 pm) Rabbi (Chaplain, Major) Avraham Cohen ”

THURSDAY

- “Understanding the Siddur” with Rabbi Max Weiman (7:00 p.m.)

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 – 7:00 pm) Place Carry-Out Pizza orders by 10:00 am, 314-991-2100, ext 2. Pick up time 4:30 pm.
- Sisterhood (Third Tuesday) **NO FEBRUARY MEETING!**
- RAP with the RABBI (Last Sunday of the month, 10:00am **at Starbucks**)

NHBZ Signature Events

- Synaplex Shabbos
- Shabbos Lunch & Learn

NHBZ COMING EVENTS

- **Mega Kiddush and Lunch & Learn ~ Shabbos, February 22.** Thanks to **Carole Simon and David & Keri Simon** for being sponsors in honor of the Hebrew naming of **Rachel Corinne Simon**, born on December 6, 2013. Rachel is the daughter of Jonathan Simon and Wendy Fink Simon, granddaughter of Carole and the late Robert Simon, and niece of David and Keri Simon. Rachel is named after her grandfather Robert Simon and her great-great aunt Celia Wexler. Thanks to sponsors **Rabbi Ze'ev & Chani Smason** to celebrate the birthdays of **Rabbi Smason, Rebbitzen Chani, Avrami, Sivya, and Yaakov Moshe Rosenbaum, Eliyahu & Chasi's son! And, the 30th Wedding Anniversary of Rabbi & Rebbitzen Smason! PLUS**, Our Lunch & Learn in honor of January **AND** February Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries will also be held on Shabbos, February 22, when we will welcome **Avrami Smason**, from Israel, as our guest speaker.
- **“Jerusalem” The Movie ~** Join our NHBZ Israel Committee at the IMAX Theatre to view the movie “Jerusalem” on Sun., Feb. 23. After the movie, we'll head back to the Shul to enjoy the Pizza Buffet along with a discussion of the movie, led by our own, Menachem Szus. More details to come!
- **RAP with the RABBI Teen Group!** Sunday, February 23, 10:00 a.m. with **Rabbi Smason**, for young men and women; at Starbucks on Olive & Price, with complimentary drinks to all participants! RAP with the RABBI meets regularly on the last Sunday of the month! All teens welcome!
- **Lion's Den Pizza Night ~** Our “Last-Sunday-of-the-Month” All-You-Can-Eat Pizza Buffet ~ Sunday, February 23, 5:00-7:00 p.m. – Reservations are not needed. Bring your family and friends to enjoy a delicious pizza dinner and schmoozing, and a movie for the kids!!! Just show up and have a great time!!!! (Please place

carry-out orders by Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. 314-991-2100, ext. 2.) [Come and try our New Jalapeno Pizza – a BIG hit at our January Pizza Night!!!](#)

- **Kiddush** ~ on Shabbos, March 1, will be sponsored by **Dr. Eliot & Sally Katz** and **Mark Ragin & Gail Rose** to celebrate the 90th birthday of their wonderful mother **Rose Ragin**.
- **Lunch & Learn and Synaplex Shabbat** ~ Shabbos, March 8th
- **Chocolate & Wine for Young Couples & Singles!!!** You are invited to *indulge yourself . . .* Wine & Chocolate Pairings, Saturday night, March 8, 7:45 p.m., at the home of **Richard & Mindy Woolf**, \$10/person, in advance. Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, March 5, to Mindy at 239-2327 or mwoolf2002@gmail.com. Space is Limited ~ so Call Early!!!
- **Antiques Roadshow** ~ **Sunday, March 9 ~ 5:00 p.m.** Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Sisterhood and The Irvin Alper Social Club invite everyone to bring a treasure from your home and join us for an Interesting ~ Funny ~ Surprising evening! Values will be determined by Art Ressel. Mr. Ressel, with more than 50 years of experience is a member of the "Certified Appraisers' Guild of America", Host of KTRS Radio's "Antiques & Collectibles", and Key Appraiser on Channel 9's "Trash & Treasures" Appraisal Fairs. Admission \$10.00 *includes dinner*. All profits will benefit the *Passport to Israel Program*. Come and support our NHBZ kids!!! Reservations REQUIRED! R.S.V.P. ~ Ruth Alper, 314-569-2877 or Rachael Pevnick, 314-395-0617.
- **Sisterhood Luncheon** ~ No February Meeting! Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 18, for the **Spring Membership Luncheon**. Lunch is FREE to paid members, \$7.00 for Guests. Stay tuned for more details.

CLASS SERIES

- **"Introduction to the History of the Jews"** ~ How have the Jews conquered both time and space over the past 4,000 years? Join Menachem Szus for a fascinating course on the history of the Jewish people. Sessions will take place on Sunday mornings, at 10 A.M. at NHBZ. To register for the class (no charge), please contact Julie Eisenberg at: juliecooks@icloud.com or 314 494-8437 so sufficient material can be prepared.
- **Bi-Monthly Women's Tefila Class** ~ Led by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**, the class meets on the 2nd and 4th MONDAYS of the month, at 7:00 p.m. Monday evenings, Next class – This Monday, February 10, at NHBZ. 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.
- **"Chassidic Insights into the Weekly Parsha"** ~ Rabbi (Chaplain, Major) Avraham Cohen is offering a class on Chassidic Insights into the Weekly Parsha from the sefer, Me'or V'Shemesh. Study will delve into esoteric thought, but on the other hand is entirely accessible for those having limited Jewish educational backgrounds. The class will be offered on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the NHBZ Chapel. Try it -- you'll like it! Rabbi Cohen can be reached at 301-787-5538 for further questions.
- **"Understanding the Siddur"** ~ Insights into Prayer Book Hebrew. Do you ever feel lost with the structure and ceremony of traditional services? Can you read Hebrew, but don't understand what you're reading? Join **Rabbi Max Weiman**, for this course on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Feigenbaum-Pepose Learning Center; cost: \$75. No Siddur Required (but if you have a favorite one, bring it!)

SIMCHAS

- **MAZEL TOV ON SIMCHAS** February 8-14. **Happy Birthday to Francine Attoun, Bob Kaiser, Sheryl Levine, Rebbitzin Chani Smason, Shirley Osheroff, and Stella Vladimirov! Anniversaries ~None This Week!** 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.

Reminders

- **Become Energized!!! Sponsor Your Own Solar Panel!!!** The 2014 price of just \$216 for a full year. Your sponsorship will appear on the lobby monitor with an individual display with your personal or business name. Sponsor a panel for yourself, your friends, your business, or dedicate one in honor of a loved one. If you are interested in sponsoring a solar panel, please call 314-991-2100, ext. 2 and we will send you the form to complete with your own wording!
- **Buy and Use Cash Cards** – call the office ASAP to order your cards and **earn free money** for NHBZ! Orders are placed twice per month – on the 15th and 30th.
- **Schnucks E-Scrip Card** - Use your Schnucks Card *every time you shop!* **Easy Money!!** 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 Shul Tributes call Gloria Waxman, 314-872-3296; for Sisterhood call Phyllis Silverman, 314-434-2482; for Libby Needle Fund call Sally Needle, 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 shul for Aliyos or other 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 in English if Hebrew names are unavailable. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.
- **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 yahrzeits of your dear family members.
- **Mishna Study** ~ 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 learns every Sunday following morning minyan, carrying on this tradition by dedicating the Mishnayos to our loved ones. 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.*
- **Memorial Plaques** ~ Memorial plaques from our former location are lovingly mounted in our new building. Remember your loved ones with a plaque; prices are \$150 and \$275. Please call the office for details.

News & FEATURES

- **Thank you ~ to Eliot and Sally Katz** for donating a new talis gadol to our shul in honor of their recent trip to Israel for their daughter's wedding! **Mazel Tov to Eliot and Sally!!!**
- **PURIM is Coming!!! Wish List** ~ With last year in mind, we anticipate another huge crowd for the Reading of The Megillah, and we need extra copies of Megillos Esther. Please call the office, for details, if you would like to make a donation to sponsor the cost, 314-991-2100, ext. 2. We will place a plaque in each booklet dedicating your contribution to a loved one, or special person or occasion.
- **Epstein Hebrew Academy Annual Banquet** ~ Tomorrow, Sunday, February 9, honoring SUPER Volunteers: Vicki Isakow, Lizzy Kline & Suzanne Sundy. Community Service Award to Rabbi Avi Greene.
- **"Made of Honor"** ~ Esther Miller Bais Yaakov Presents A Musical For Women Only ~ "Made of Honor" this coming Wednesday, February 12th, 7:30 p.m. at the Clayton High School Theatre. Doors open 6:50, Showtime 7:30 - 10:30. TICKETS: Women, \$20.00; Girls 8th grade and below, \$17.00. PREMIUM SEATING: 1 Seat, \$38.00, 2 Seats, \$70.00, 3 Seats, \$100.00, 4 Seats, \$140.00. To purchase tickets: www.embystl.org or call 314-863-9230. This is definitely something you don't want to miss!!

- **"Movie Night Series"** ~ The Saul Brodsky Jewish Community Library's will continue with a screening of *Komediant*, on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 7:00 pm. The glory days of the Yiddish stage are brought to life in the funny and bittersweet saga of a legendary theatrical family, the Bursteins. The documentary incorporates archival footage and interviews with Yiddish stage veterans. The film will be shown at the Jewish Federation Kopolow Building, 12 Millstone Campus Drive. Movie snacks and drinks will be served. Admission is \$5.00 per person; free to Friends of the Library. Reservations are required. For more information or to make a reservation, call 314-442-3720 or email Brodsky-library@ifedstl.org
- **Kashrus Alert from the Vaad:**
 - Creamy Chocolate Hearts (3.3 oz. mesh bags) produced by the R. M. Palmer Company, Reading, PA: Missing D - Dairy designation. Creamy Chocolate Hearts contain milk and are certified by the Orthodox Union as OU D - Dairy products. Some labels were printed with a plain OU without the D - Dairy designation. Corrective actions have been implemented.
 - 7-Select Steak Lover's Flavored Potato Chips, missing D - Dairy designation. 7-Select Steak Lover's Flavored Potato Chips, sold in 7-eleven stores, are certified by the Orthodox Union and contain dairy ingredients, as indicated in the allergen statement and ingredient panel. Some packaging have a plain OU without the D - Dairy designation. Corrective actions have been implemented.
- **SLJCII Presents "Praying With Lior" ~ The St. Louis Jewish Community Inclusion Initiative** was launched, last year, to promote full participation in Jewish life for individuals with disabilities and their families by enhancing inclusion, providing resources, and collaborating with existing services in the St. Louis community. Rabbi Smason was asked to sit on the Board of the SLJCII because of NHBZ's long-standing interest in and commitment to 'inclusion' -- our relationship with Ohr Atid, Yachad and Deaf Shabbatons, and special-needs families within our congregation. To introduce the Initiative to our community, the SLJCII is hosting a film screening of *"Praying With Lior"* on Sunday February 16 at 2:00 p.m. at the Galleria 6 Cinema. *"Praying With Lior"* is an inspirational documentary about a teenager with a disability who prepares for his Bar Mitzvah with the support of a loving family and inclusive community. Prior to the film, there will be a *Jewish community inclusion Resource Fair* from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. where we will hand out brochures and other materials to interested individuals and families. Rabbi Smason and Menachem Szus will co-chair NHBZ's portion of the Resource Fair.
- **Block Yeshiva High School's "Casino Night"** ~ in the Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Social Hall on Sunday evening, February 16, 6:00-10:00 p.m. Games include: Blackjack, Craps, Roulette, and Texas Hold'em Poker. At the end of the night, players will exchange their winnings for raffle tickets to be used in the prize drawings. Admission is \$50 per person, which includes a fleishig buffet dinner, and \$5,000 worth of playing chips. Early Bird rate - \$45 per person includes an extra \$1,000 in playing chips, and is available until February 7. Ask about the various sponsorship levels that include reservations and additional playing chips for each guest. Reservations and sponsorships can be paid by credit card by clicking the Casino Night banner at blockyeshiva.org. Reservations by check can be mailed to BYHS Sports, 1146 N. Warson Rd., 63132. RSVPs are highly encouraged by this coming Thursday, February 13, but walk-ups will be admitted. The evening will benefit the Block Yeshiva Athletic Department, which includes the basketball, soccer and tennis teams.
- **The Four Aspects of Purim ~ Ohr Pesia 4-Part Series** ~ Nusach Hari B'nai Zion will host a series on the Four Aspects of Purim in the Lower Level "Feigenbaum-Pepose Learning Center," beginning next Sunday evening, February 16, at 8:00 p.m. Speakers will be Rabbis Yosef David, Shaya Mintz, Eli Shapiro and Shmuel Wasser.
- **"The Kabbalah of You ~ Understanding Yourself and Appreciating Others"** featuring Lori Palatnik on Monday, February 17, 7:30 p.m. at the Clayton Crowne Plaza Hotel. Suggested donation of \$18 at the door. A \$36 advanced payment option includes VIP expedited registration, reserved premier seating, and a signed copy of "Remember My Soul" by Lori Palatnik, a beautifully written book that answers the question "What do we do to honor the memory of a loved one?" Mail check payable to Aish HaTorah St. Louis, Attn: Claire Wolff, 457 N. Woods Mill Rd., Chesterfield, MO 63017, or call with credit card payment to 314-862-2474. Deadline for the \$36 advanced payment option is February 14, 2014
- **Jewish Student Union (JSU) Gala** ~ GROWING A JEWISH FUTURE! February 22, 2014 at the Danforth Plant and Science Center. Honoring Dr. Eldad and Danielle Bialecki and Dr. Michael Rauchman and Dr. Ariane Maywith, with special tribute to Howard Granok, JSU Faculty Advisor of Crossroads College Prep

School. For more information, to make reservations or a donation, visit www.jsustl.org or contact Event Chairpersons Melanie & Dan Winograd or Rick Kodner and Gail Brody @ jsustl@gmail.com, or Rabbi Mike at 314-498-6279. JSU serves more than 700 teens in 12 high schools in the St. Louis area. To learn more about JSU, visit our new website @ www.jsustl.org

- **Save the Date** ~ Join in celebrating Yeshivat Kadimah High School, an innovative and creative new approach to Jewish high school education, Saturday night, Motzei Shabbat, March 1st, at the newly renovated St. Louis Public Library. Details to follow.
- **Tomchei Shabbos!!** Families need extra assistance with non-perishable food. Please pick up a bag available at NHBZ in the office, and fill it with your choices of non-perishable food items. Monetary donations are always welcome! For more details, or to arrange pick-ups at your home, call Sally Needle at 991-2575.
- **Tomchei Shabbos Cookbook Project** ~ Details on recipe categories and recipe submission information will be available shortly. If you would like to help on the cookbook please call Bryna Kandel at 569-5001 or email tomcheishabboscookbook@gmail.com.
- **Scholarship Opportunities for Teen Travel to Israel** ~ The Central Agency for Jewish Education and the Jewish Federation of St. Louis announce the availability of the following scholarship opportunities for teen travel to Israel:
 - Need-based scholarship funds are available for teens traveling to Israel in 2014. Scholarship awards typically range between \$250.00 and \$2,000.00 depending on length of trip and financial need. The application deadline for this grant is this coming Monday, February 10, 2014. Applications are available at www.cajestl.org or by contacting Karen Rader at 314-442-3756 or krader@cajestl.org.
- **College Scholarships** ~ Applications are open for Jewish Community Foundation (JCF) College Scholarships; *due April 14, 2014*. Academic scholarship opportunities for St. Louis high school, undergraduate and graduate students. The financial aid will cover part of the cost of each student's education. The Foundation has partnered with Scholarship Central, a free online system connecting St. Louis-area students to scholarships and interest-free loan programs. Scholarships and loan opportunities include:
 - **The Benjamin Pessin Education Assistance Fund** provides two \$1,000 scholarships for students studying business administration.
 - **The Ruth Greenberg Memorial Fund for Rabbinical Training** offers St. Louis residents scholarships of up to \$2,500 for rabbinical training.
 - **The Sam A. Kessler Memorial Scholarship**. Qualified recipient for the \$1,000 scholarship, must have resided in the St. Louis region for at least 10 years.
 - **The Richard L. Levis, Jr. Memorial Fund** provides up to \$1,000 in scholarship money to any college or university student.
 - **The Blanche and Irving Miller Scholarship Fund** provides \$1,000 scholarships to qualified students enrolled in accredited colleges or universities who are pursuing degrees in professional fields. These include, but are not limited to, law, medicine, hospital administration and journalism.For more information, contact Wendy Rosenblum at The JCF of St. Louis, (314) 442-3740.

*Beyond Twelve Gates by Rabbi Ze'ev Sason
Parshas Tetzaveh February 7, 2014*

Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates

Would you buy a bridge from George Parker? If so, you wouldn't be the first. George Parker (1870-1936) was one of the most brazen con men in American history. He made his living selling New York's public landmarks to unwary tourists. His favorite object for sale was the Brooklyn Bridge, which he sold twice a week for years. He convinced his 'marks' that they could make a fortune by controlling access to the roadway. More than once police had to roust naive buyers from the bridge as they tried to erect toll barriers.

The versatile Mr. Parker sold a number of other landmarks to unsuspecting suckers, including the original Madison Square Garden, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Grant's Tomb and the Statue of Liberty.

Parker had many different methods for making his sales. When he sold Grant's Tomb, he would often pose as the general's grandson. He even set up a fake "office" to handle his real estate swindles. He produced impressive forged documents as evidence to suggest that he was the legal owner of whatever property he was selling.

Parker is remembered as one of the most successful con men in the history of the United States, as well as one of history's most talented hoaxers. His exploits have passed into popular culture, giving rise to phrases such as "and if you believe that, I have a bridge to sell you." Where does being gullible end, and being trusting begin? The Torah tells us "You should go with innocence before Hashem, your G-d." (Deut. 18:13) Our great sage the Chofetz Chaim would make an inference from this verse; it says that one should act with innocence with G-d, but not with other people. During a person's dealings with others he should use great wisdom and thought, and not let himself be duped by untrustworthy people.

Parshas Tetzaveh Exodus 27:20 -- 30:10

This week's portion is a haberdasher's dream. Following on the heels of the elaborate details of the construction of the Mishkan, G-d describes to Moses the special garments which are to be worn by the Kohanim during their service. The ordinary Kohanim would wear four special garments, while four additional vestments were to be worn exclusively by the Kohen Gadol (High Priest). All of these garments were woven and crafted from materials donated by the people. The Torah portion then shifts its attention to G-d's commandments regarding the inauguration ritual for the newly constructed Mishkan, to be performed exclusively by Moses for seven days. The inauguration included Moses' adorning and anointing the Kohanim, and his bringing offerings. On the eighth day, Aaron and his sons would assume their offices as the Kohanim. After then describing the offering to be brought in the Mishkan every day of the year in the morning and afternoon, the portion concludes with the command to build the last of the Mishkan's structures, the golden altar upon which the incense would be offered every morning and afternoon.

Rabbinic Ruminations

Think you're a wine maven? Think again. A mischievous 2001 experiment led by Frédéric Brochet at the University of Bordeaux demonstrated that many so-called wine connoisseurs aren't all they're made out to be. In the first test, Brochet invited fifty-seven wine experts and asked them to give their impressions of what looked like two glasses of red and white wine. The wines were actually the same white wine, one of which had been tinted red with food coloring. But that didn't stop the experts from describing the "red" wine in language typically used to describe red wines. In a second test, Brochet took a middling Bordeaux and served it in two different bottles. One bottle bore the label of a fancy grand cru, the other of an ordinary vin de table. Although they were being served the exact same wine, the experts gave the bottles nearly opposite descriptions. The grand cru was summarized as being "agreeable," "woody," "complex," "balanced," and "rounded," while the most popular adjectives for the vin de table included "weak," "short," "light," "flat," and "faulty."

In many situations, so-called experts turn out to be a poor source of expertise. In his 2005 book, "Expert Political Judgment," Professor Phillip Tetlock wrote of his experiences based on two decades of tracking some 82,000 predictions by 284 experts. The result? The predictions of experts were, on average, only a tiny bit better than random guesses -- the equivalent of a chimpanzee throwing darts at a board.

According to Prof. Tetlock, "It made virtually no difference whether participants had doctorates, whether they were economists, political scientists, journalists or historians, whether they had policy experience or access to classified information, or whether they had logged many or few years of experience."

As a society, we put an enormous amount of trust into the advice and insight of so-called experts. Expert status does not guarantee infallibility. In many areas of life it is worthwhile to consult experts, but we should remember that we, ourselves, are ultimately responsible for our decisions. Where can we turn for knowledge we can count on? "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 moral compass and fundamental resource of truth be the Torah.

Quote of the Week

Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there! -- *Will Rogers*

Joke of the Week

One day shortly after the birth of their new baby, the mother had to go out to do some errands. So the proud papa stayed home to watch his wonderful new son. Soon after the mother left, the baby started to cry. The father did everything he could think of to do but the baby wouldn't stop crying. Finally, the dad got so worried he decided to take the infant to the doctor.

After the doctor listened to the father tell all he had done to get the baby to stop crying, the doctor began to examine the baby's ears, chest and then down to the diaper area. When he undid the diaper, he found that the diaper was indeed full.

"Here's the problem," the doctor said. "He needs a change."

The father was very perplexed, "But the diaper package says it is good for up to 10 lbs.!"

President's Column

Nusach Hari B'nai Zion asks YOU to volunteer and help us reach our goals. The officers, board members and Rabbi make a great team, but they can't do it all. We need every member to join the team for us to be successful. Much of the work of the congregation is accomplished through various committees. You can put your knowledge, skills and experience to work for NHBZ by participating on one or more of the following committees:

Building	Chesed	Family & Children's Programming
Education	Fund Raising	General Programming
Kitchen	Membership	Outreach
Publicity	Religious	Shabbos Greeters

Please volunteer for one or two that match your interests. You will not only be helping the shul, but I'm sure you will find it very satisfying and rewarding. Please contact me at (314) 993-4024 or lenny.alper@earthlink.net to discuss these or other volunteer opportunities. I look forward to hearing from you!

Lenny Alper

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