

NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

Jan. 5, 2013

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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Torah Portion - Shemos:
Haftorah:

Genesis 1:1 – 6:1
Isaiah 27:6 – 28:13, 29:22-23

Stone Chumash pages 292-317
Stone Chumash pages 1146-1148

Erev Shabbos - Friday, January 4

- **Mincha & Maariv** (4:30 pm)
- **Candle Lighting** (4:35 pm)

Shabbos - Saturday, January 5

- **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: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
 - Musaf: **Menachem Szus**
- **Installation Shabbos** (Shabbos, January 5, 2013) **Kiddush & Lunch** (following Musaf) Thanks to all Officers and Members of the Boards of Directors of our Shul, Sisterhood and Irvin Alper Social Club for sponsoring lunch today. See the Installation Shabbos flyer for all the names of Officers & Board Members!!!
- **Mincha / Shalosh Seudos / Ma'ariv** (4:20 pm) **Dr. Scott Goldberg**, of Yeshiva University, will speak at Seudah Shlishis on the topic: "Jewish Day Schools of the Future";
- Shabbos Concludes (5:39 pm)



This Week



At a Glance	Shabbos Jan. 5	Sun. Jan. 6	Mon. Jan. 7	Tues. Jan. 8	Wed. Jan. 9	Thur. Jan. 10	Fri. Jan. 11	Shabbos Jan. 12
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/Maariv	4:20 pm	4:35 pm	4:35 pm	-	-	-	4:35 pm	4:25 pm
Maariv Only	-	-	-	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	-	-
Events – see times in Event Planner Box below	Installation Shabbos; Shalosh Seudos for EHA Weekend	BUY	CASH	CARDS!	Lunch 'n' Learn	Shechita Class	Erev Shabbos;	Celebrate w/Rachael Pevnick, Sam & Shirley Bluestein & Jay Pepose

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

- **Irvin Alper Social Club** (Tomorrow - Sunday, January 6, 2013) **New, earlier time: 3:00 pm!** Play cards, watch a movie, and shmoozing; Dinner at 5:00 pm. Call Ruth Alper for reservations, 314-569-2788.
- **Shabbos, January 12th** ~ Kiddush & Lunch sponsored in honor of **Rachael Pevnick's 80th Birthday** by her children and grandchildren, Larry & Robin Pevnick, Brandon and Margo; by Andrea & Stan Goldenberg and Barry, Adam & Patricia Goldenberg and their children, Gibson & Langston (Rachael & Ted's great grandson's); and by Debbie & Brian Sher, Andrew and Joel. Mazel Tov to Rachael!!!
- **Shabbos, January 12th** ~ More sponsors -- Sam & Shirley Bluestein will sponsor a cake in honor of their Wedding Anniversary, and The Pepose Family will be the "POP-~~S~~tars" sponsoring the soda in honor of Jay's Birthday and Rachael Pevnick's birthday.

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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 Lengua 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 ~ continued

- **Shabbos Morning, January 26** ~ Kiddush in honor of Abe Dobin's 90th Birthday!
- **Saturday Evening, January 26** ~ Family-Friendly Tu B'Shevat Seder!
- **Shabbos, February 2** ~ Synaplex Shabbat with Lunch honoring New NHBZ Members!
- **Friday Night, February 8** ~ Family-Friendly Friday Night Shabbos Dinner!
- **Sunday, February 24** ~ **PURIM and PURIM SEUDAH!!!!**

Meetings

- **Board of Directors** (Tuesday, January 8, 2013) Minyan at 6:45 p.m.; Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- **Sisterhood Luncheon** (Tuesday, January 15, at 12:00 noon!) A **FREE** Picnic-Themed Luncheon at the Crown Center for Senior Living, 8350 Delcrest. Jon Rubin will prepare the lunch served from their kosher kitchen: Oven Fried Chicken, Cole Slaw, Corn Pudding, Wheat Roll, and Apple Cobbler!!! Music! Games! Prizes! Raffle! To make your reservations, please call Rachael Pevnick, 314-395-6017.
- **Executive Committee** (Tuesday, January 29)

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 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.
- **MEMORIAL PLAQUES** ~ All names were lovingly removed from our former location and mounted in our New Building. Honor and memorialize your loved ones: 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.

News, Features and Simchas

- **Mazel Tov On Simchas January 5-11 - Happy Birthday to Stan Goldfader, Nina Levine, Joel Manesberg, Dr. Jay Pepose, Nancy Pollack and Mimi Sabol. No Anniversaries this week.** 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.
- **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!!!
- **We are delighted to announce that DR. SCOTT GOLDBERG OF YESHIVA UNIVERSITY** will visit our St. Louis community this weekend as a kickoff for Epstein Hebrew Academy's Strategic Planning Process. Please join us: *****Mincha/Seudah Shlishis**, today, Jan. 5, 4:20 p.m., at Nusach Hari B'nai Zion; "*Jewish Day Schools of the Future*"; *****Melava Malka**, tonight, Jan. 5, 8:00 p.m., at Epstein Hebrew Academy: "*Vision for Epstein Hebrew Academy: An Open Community Conversation.*" NHBZ has raised \$4,852.00, leaving us just \$148.00 short of our \$5,000.00 goal. Special Thanks to everyone who donated to the EHA Appeal.
- **DESPERATE NEED FOR BLOOD DONATIONS -- ST. LOUIS JEWISH COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE, ENDORSED BY THE JEWISH SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK:** at Young Israel, 8101 Delmar, Sunday, January 6th ~ 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. There is an extreme shortage . . . blood donors needed!!! To schedule an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org (use sponsor code: YIJS) OR call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Walk-In Donors Welcome -- Appointments Take Priority!!! Free Babysitting Available. For info or to volunteer, call Judy Hellman, (314) 862-8432 or e-mail jrhellman@sbcglobal.net. Please Bring Non-Perishable Food Items for The Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry Drive.
- **SUPER BOWL PARTY – Raising Money for Epstein Hebrew Academy!!!** February 3rd at 4:45 p.m. at Olivette Bowling Lanes. Bowling, Fun & Dinner: 2 Types of Pasta, Large Salad Bar with Toppings Galore, Home-Made Bread and Rolls, Ice Cream Bar, Lots of Snacks, Drinks available for Purchase. Adults: \$15.00; Kids under 10: \$10.00. Walk-ins: Adults: \$18.00; Kids: \$13.00. RSVPs a must by January 30th. All food will be prepared at Young Israel. Got Questions? Call 314-503-2792. Co-Chaired by Bonnie Goldmeir, Lizzy Kline **AND Anna Rose Tendler!!!**

Beyond Twelve Gates – Parshas Shemos
Rabbi Ze'ev Smason – January 4, 2013

Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates!

The ball zooms off Zohar Sharon's golf club and flies into the distance. Sharon can't see it, but he knows it's a good one and he flashes a big smile. Two strokes later, he has a birdie. Through incredible determination, Sharon has earned the title of the world's best blind golfer. Thousands of blind people around the world play golf, but only about a hundred play competitively. Over the past several years, Sharon has dominated them all. In 2005 he made headlines at home in Israel with a hole-in-one on the 15th hole at the Caeserea Golf Club, Israel's only 18-hole course. It was just one in a string of achievements for the 60-year-old Sharon, who was blinded in the army more than 30 years ago.

When he was finally discharged from service after the war, in his mid-20s, Sharon's world was constricted to the surroundings he could grope with his hands. Dismayed and depressed, he had to find a way to live with his condition. "You won't believe how convenient it is to dive into your own depression," he said, "...I decided I can do everything except for drive a car and fly a plane." True to his new-found conviction, Sharon became a painter. He started running 12 miles every day. He eventually joined Israel's goalball team and played in the 1996 Paralympic Games in Atlanta. But he was perpetually restless. He kept looking for that one big thing, his true calling—and he found it in the least expected place. Sharon says he plays golf six times a week, often 10 hours a day. The only day he takes off from the game is on Saturday. He's religiously observant. He always wears a yarmulke when he's in a tournament or playing with non-Jewish golfers. "I want people to know I'm Jewish," he says. "I want them to know what Jewish perseverance and courage is all about."

The Jewish People are called in the Torah a "stiff-necked people". It's a criticism, but it's also our strength. We don't give up. We keep trying. All other nations, exiled from their lands, vanished and became absorbed. We have stayed focused and remained true to our task. Because of that, we'll ultimately come to our complete success and perfection. And we will sanctify the name of G-d -- like the amazing Zohar Sharon.

Parshas Shemos Exodus 1:1 -- 6:1

The book of Exodus begins by describing the gradually increasing enslavement of the Jewish people in Egypt. Pharaoh, fearing the population explosion of the Jews, initially hopes that backbreaking labor would stunt their rapid physical growth. When their birth rate continues to increase he orders the Jewish midwives to kill all baby boys. Moses is born, and when his mother is unable to keep him hidden from the Egyptian authorities any longer she places him in a basket and sends him down the Nile River. He is found by Pharaoh's daughter and raised in the royal palace, even though she realizes he is a Hebrew. She names him Moshe (Moses) meaning "drawn from the water." Years later as a grown man, Moses kills an Egyptian who he witnessed beating a Jew. Moses flees to the land of Midian and marries Zipporah, the daughter of Jethro, and they have two sons.

When Moses is shepherding his father-in-law's flock, he witnesses the "burning bush" on Chorev (Mt. Sinai) where G-d commands him to lead the Jewish people from Egypt to the land of Israel, which G-d promised to their ancestors. Initially reluctant, Moses is shown three miracles to perform before the Jewish people to prove he was sent by G-d: Changing his staff into a snake, his healthy hand into a leprous one, and water into blood. Moses, accompanied by his brother Aaron, encounters an obstinate Pharaoh. The Egyptian king not only refuses their request for a three-day respite to worship G-d, but declares that the Jews must produce the same quota of bricks as before but without being given straw. The people complain to Moses and Aaron for making their situation worse, but G-d assures Moses that He will force Pharaoh to let the Hebrews leave.

Rabbinic Ruminations

Can a Jellyfish unlock the secret of immortality? Certain scientists, futurists and philosophers have long theorized about the immortality of the human body. Some believe a breakthrough was unwittingly made by Christian Sommer, a German marine-biology student in his early 20s. In 1998 Sommer collected several tiny, relatively obscure hydrozoans known to biologists as *Turritopsis dohrnii*. Today it is more commonly known as the immortal jellyfish. Sommer kept them in petri dishes and observed their reproduction habits. After several days he noticed that his *Turritopsis dohrnii* were behaving in a very peculiar manner, for which he could hypothesize no earthly explanation. Plainly speaking, they refused to die. They appeared to age in reverse, growing younger and younger until they reached their earliest stage of development, at which point they began their life cycle anew.

Scientists have pointed out the high degree of genetic similarity between jellyfish and human beings. Further insights into *Turritopsis* could have profound implications for medicine, particularly the fields of cancer and longevity. Others make even grander claims. Marine biologist Shin Kubota says, "*Turritopsis* application for human beings is the most wonderful dream of mankind. Once we determine how the jellyfish rejuvenates itself, we should achieve very great things. My opinion is that we will evolve and become immortal ourselves." A fundamental law of the natural world — you are born, and then you die -- seems to have been called into question by the immortal jellyfish.

Claims of immortality should be met with great caution. The Jewish People, however, do not fit into standard rules of history. Mark Twain wrote an article in 1899 for Harper Magazine entitled, *Concerning the Jews*. Here is an excerpt:

"If the statistics are right, the Jews constitute but one percent of the human race ... Properly the Jew ought hardly to be heard of; but he is heard of; has always been heard of. He is as prominent on the planet as any other people . . . The Egyptian, the Babylonian, and the Persian rose, filled the planet with sound and splendor, then faded . . . the Greek and the Roman followed, and made a vast noise, and they are gone; other peoples have sprung up . . . and they sit in twilight now or have vanished. The Jew saw them all, beat them all, and is now what he always was . . . All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?"

Quote of the Week

Youth is a wonderful thing. What a crime to waste it on children -- ***George Bernard Shaw***

Joke of the Week

A young Jewish guy develops a crush on a girl, but his father just wants to know her family name. When the son tells him that the girl's name is Ford, the father says, "Ford isn't a Jewish name. Forget her and go and find a nice Jewish girl!" So time passes, and the son finds a girl with the surname of O'Connor. The father says, "O'Connor isn't a Jewish name. I want you to find a girl with a nice Jewish name!"

More time passes, and the son finds another girl that he is sure has solved the problem; the girl's name is Goldberg. "Goldberg!" exclaims his father, "This makes me very happy! What a great Jewish name! What's her first name? Is it one of my favorite names, like Rachael, or Rebecca?"

"No father," replied the son. "It's Whoopi."