



NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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Torah Portion:
Haftorah:

Parshas Matos: Numbers 30:2 – 32:42
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Erev Shabbos – Friday Night, July 18, 2014

- **Mincha & Ma'ariv** (7:00 pm)
- **Candle Lighting** (8:05 pm)

Shabbos – July 19

- **Shachris & Musaf** (8:30 am) ~ *Thank You For Leading Davening*
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
 - Shacharis: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
 - Leyning: **Dr. Larry Gornish**
 - Haftorah: **Brent Waxman**
 - *Drasha* (Sermon): **No Sermon Today**
 - Musaf: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
- **Learner's Service** will begin today at **10:00** a.m.
- **Special & Unique Synaplex & Lunch** ~ (After Musaf) We Welcome a very special guest this Shabbos ~ **United States Senator James Talent** will be our Prestigious Guest Speaker, and will lead a **Dynamic, Single-Synaplex-Session** entitled, "*Perspectives on U. S. Policy in the Middle East.*" Senator Talent will speak in the sanctuary immediately following the conclusion of services; **Youth Programming** for kids 4 and over, and **Tot Shabbat** during Senator Talent's presentation. Lunch will follow in honor of July Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries. Thanks to "**POP-Stars**" **Kerry & Sandy Klarfeld** for sponsoring the soda today in honor of the birthday of **Anna Rose Tendler!** **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ANNA ROSE!!!**
- **Mincha, Shalosh Seudos, Ma'ariv** (7:45 pm)
- **Shabbos Concludes** (9:07 pm)
- **Monument Dedication** ~ for Merle Hartstein, ז"ל, our dear friend, will take place on Sunday, July 27th, 10:00 am, at Chevra Kadisha Cemetery, North & South and Page.
- **Monument Dedication** ~ for Edna Feit, ז"ל, beloved mother of Denny Feit, Marty Feit, and Leslie Berger will take place on Sunday, July 27, 11:00 A.M., Chesed Shel Emes Cemetery on White Road.
- **Monument Dedication** ~ for Simon Kohn, ז"ל, beloved mother of Edyie, Lenny and Rosemary Kohn will take place on Sunday, July 27, 4:00 p.m. at Beth Hamedrosh HaGodol Cemetery on Ladue Road.
- **The Three-Weeks** ~ The days between the 17th of Tammuz – The Fast of Tammuz (July 15) and the 9th of Av - Tisha B'Av (August 5) are times of sadness for our people because of events which led to the destruction of our Temple in Jerusalem. We act as semi-mourners — we do not have weddings, attend concerts, get haircuts, or buy new clothes (unless needed for immediate use).

Slices for Israeli Soldiers!

A TREMENDOUS THANK YOU to DR. ETHAN & DEBBY SCHUMAN for sharing this wonderful idea with us after they placed their own order last week!!! The response has been overwhelming from NHBZ members AND non-member-friends alike! Thanks to: **Bob & Sandie Abrams, Lenny & Fran Alper, Ruth Alper, Andy & Ellen Berg, Shelle Bernstein, Dr. Eldad & Danielle Bialecki, Bella Bloom, Sam & Shirley Bluestein, Jeremy & Lauren Brenner, Kenny & Barb Bressler, Marshall & Stefanni Brockman, Gene & Linda Carton, Jerry & Frances Cohen, Ross Davis, Talia de Malca, Michelle Dunski, Don & Julie Eisenberg, Teree Farbstein, Dr. Susan Feigenbaum & Dr. Jay Pepose, Lance & Debbie Finland, Debbie & David Friedman, Rabbi Larry & Shari Glestein, Stan & Rhonnie Goldfader, Wendy Goldberg, Aida Greenberg, Alan & Janet Haber, Debra & Marc**

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Meetings

- **Executive Committee Meeting** ~ Tuesday, July 22. Minyan is at 7:00 pm; Meeting at 7:30 pm.
- **Board of Directors Meeting** ~ Tuesday evening, August 12. Minyan is at 7:00 pm; Meeting at 7:30 pm.

School Supplies for Kids! The Sales are ON!!!

Help us make all kids feel good on the first day of school with the **BRIGHT, SHINY, NEW** school supplies they need and deserve!! **3-Ring-Binders - Paper - Crayons - Scissors - Glue & Glue Sticks - Pens - Pencils - Colored Pencils - Erasers - Sharpeners - Markers~Assorted Colors -Tape - Spiral Notebooks - Index Cards - Backpacks - Calculators - Boxes of Tissues - and the world of other school supplies you see.** **THE SALES ARE ON!!!** Please bring in the supplies or write a check to NHBZ or call Sandie to place a donation on your credit card, 314-991-2100, ext. 2. **Let's all make a great first-day of school for every kid!!! Deadline - August 15th.**

“What’s Up” at NHBZ?



NHBZ Coming Events

- **Sisterhood Lunch & BINGO PARTY** ~ This Tuesday, July 22nd, 12:00 noon in our NHBZ Social Hall. Men & Women of ALL Ages are invited to come and enjoy a **Delicious Lunch, Bingo, and Attendance Prizes!** \$7.00 donation; RSVP to Rachael Pevnick, 314-395-6017. **We hope to see you!!!**
- **Class & Shalosh Seudos** ~ Next Shabbos afternoon, July 26, **Rabbi Yaakov Berkowitz**, of the St. Louis Kollel, will be teaching an afternoon class at 6:40 p.m. titled "*Understanding Exile*". During *Shalosh Seudos* (The Third Meal) at 7:40 p.m., Rabbi Berkowitz will address the topic of "*Escape From Exile*."
- **Lion's Den Pizza Night ~ All-You-Can-Eat Pizza Buffet ~ Sunday, July 27, 5:00-7:00 p.m.** Bring your family and friends to enjoy a delicious dinner of pizza, salad, pasta and garlic bread!!! Reservations are not needed . . . just show up, eat to your heart's content, have fun schmoozing, and have a great time! Plus an extra bonus ~ we have a movie for the kids every month!!!! (Please place carry-out orders by 10:00 a.m on Sunday morning, 314-991-2100, ext. 2. Pick up time for carry out pizzas is 4:30-4:45 p.m. before the start of our buffet.) **WE TAKE CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS!!!**
- **Ari Weekend** ~ Commemorating the yahrzeit of Rabbi Isaac Luria, "The Holy Ari", founder of modern Kabbalah and author of "*Nusach H'Ari*," (the liturgy we daven at our shul). Thanks to Aryeh Needle who will daven Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv for us, with Karalbach tunes for all to enjoy. **Friday evening, August 1:** An evening of soul-soaring music, and dinner for the whole family – Mincha at 6:15 pm outdoors on the **Kaiser Terrace, Kabbalat Shabbat** (Welcoming the Sabbath) at 6:30 pm, followed by a festive Shabbos dinner ~ with **grilled** chicken at the top of the menu: RSVP, 314-991-2100, **ext. 5**; Adults \$18.00, Kids 5-10 \$10.00, Kids 4 & under FREE! **Shabbos morning, August 2:** Regular services 9:00 a.m., Children's programming 10:00

a.m., Learner's Service 10:15 p.m. led by **Rabbi Smason**, and Kiddush and Lunch 'n' Learn, at the conclusion of services, all free and open to the public. **Rabbi Levi Landa**, Director of Programming of Chabad of Greater St. Louis, will be our Special Guest Speaker, and will speak on the topic, "*Viewing the World Through Kabbalah Tinted Glasses!*"

- **Kiddush & Lunch** ~ Shabbos, August 9th, will be sponsored by **Rachael Pevnick and Family** in memory of their beloved husband, father and grandfather **Ted Pevnick**, ב"ר, on the observance of his first yahrzeit.
- **"Shaving Israel"** ~ An organization that educates about the needs and funds the purchase of toiletries, personal items and food vouchers from ISRAELI SUPPLIERS for members of the Israeli Defense Force who are in need or deprived of family support systems. Please join us for a Program & Dessert Reception at NHBZ featuring David Palatnik, Israeli K-9 Unit Soldier, and Laurie Walker, Board Member and IDF civilian volunteer, on Sunday, August 17, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Due to the current extremely troubling situation in Israel, it is ever so important to give our support to the soldiers on the front lines who are in harm's way protecting Israel and its people. Please join us to hear these informative speakers and help support the brave soldiers of the IDF.
- **Family Picnic & BBQ** ~ An evening of fun for the whole family! Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 24, 5:30-7:00 p.m.!!! Bring your own T-Shirts to Tie-Dye! Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Sides & Beverages will be available for purchase. Come to the Irv Zeid (Citizen's) Park, next door to the shul.
- **Challa Baking Class** ~ Just in time for the High Holidays! Demonstrated by Mindy Woolf, with your hands-on participation, on Tuesday evening, September 2nd, at NHBZ.
- **"My Father Was a Nazi"** could be the Working Title when Nusach Hari B'nai Zion presents an evening with Dr. Bernd Wollschlaeger, son of a high-ranking Nazi who was decorated with Germany's Iron Cross by Adolph Hitler, himself! Dr. Wollschlaeger's journey began at age 14, when he learned of his father's involvement during the years of Nazi rule. His quest to learn more about the Jews led him to a former Jesuit priest and many Holocaust survivors, from a trip to Israel and back to Germany where he completed medical school. He eventually succeeded in fulfilling his dream – his strong desire and decision to convert to Judaism! He moved to Israel and enlisted in the Israel Defense Forces as a medical officer. Please join us on Sunday, September 21st, to hear Dr. Wollschlaeger tell his fascinating story. Further details to follow as they become available.
- **SMILE!!! 😊 Our Photo Directory ~ "Faces of NHBZ"** ~ We recently concluded the photo sessions for our upcoming synagogue Directory. If you didn't have your portrait taken – it's still not too late to have your picture included!!! Please contact Rabbi Smason, 314-749-5271, or Phyllis Silverman, 314-434-2482, to have your photo in our Directory!

*Please be part of our "Faces of NHBZ!!!"
It won't be the same without YOU!*

SIMCHAS

- **MAZEL TOV ON SIMCHAS** July 19-25. **Happy Birthday to Larry Freistein, Kurt Kahn, Sandy Kahn, Stephanie Starr, and Sylvia Tessler! Happy Anniversary to Moshe & Louise Givon and Brian & Debbie Sher!** 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 Package of Cards.

CLASS SERIES ~ MEMBERS & ALL FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!

- **Learn to Lead Davening** ~ led by our Chazzan **Dr. Ethan Schuman** on **Sunday mornings**, at 9:00 a.m. after morning minyan.
- **Teachings of Chassidism** ~ **Rabbi Yosef Landa**, Regional Director of Chabad of Greater St. Louis, has arranged with our Education Committee to present the following class at NHBZ: "**Transformational Teachings from the World of Chassidut.**" The last class of the series will be this Sunday, July 20, at 10:00 a.m. Nearly 300 years ago, Rabbi Israel Baal Shem Tov founded the Chassidic movement. The teachings of

Chassidism went on to captivate, inspire and illuminate millions of Jewish lives, among them the most learned and righteous among our people. In these sessions with Rabbi Yosef Landa we will explore some applied concepts of Chassidic thought -- transformational ideas sure to enrich the life of every Jew, Chasid or non-Chasid, empowering them to attain greater spiritual heights.

- **Women's Tefila Class** ~ Led by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**. The class meets on the 2nd and 4th MONDAYS of the month at 3:15 p.m. Monday afternoons. Next class on Monday, July 28. The focus 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.

Reminders

- **SHABBOS HALACHAS (Laws of Shabbos)** An *eruv* is an enclosure, constructed according to halacha (Jewish law), as a way to permit Jewish residents or visitors to carry certain objects outside their own homes on Shabbos and Yom Kippur. The St. Louis *eruv* encompasses parts (but not all) of Olivette, U.City and Clayton. We respectfully request that **SHABBOS BULLETINS, FOOD, or any other item not be removed** from the synagogue by those who do not live within the *eruv*. For questions, please see Rabbi Smason.
- **Become Energized!!! Sponsor Your Own Solar Panel!!!** The 2014 price is just \$216 for the 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 for your message!
- **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 or as close to the 15th and 30th.
- **HEADS UP! Schnucks E-Scrip Card - \$1,435.80 in 2013!!!** If you have been using your Schnucks E-Scrip Card when you shop, we Thank You VERY Much! NHBZ received \$1,435.80 **Easy Money** last year from Schnucks based on your purchases, and **NO EXTRA CHARGE TO YOU!!!** Please remember to hand your e-Scrip card to your checker every time you shop - and make your shopping trip count!!! **TO NHBZ Members AND Non-Members Alike** -- if you don't have an e-Scrip card, please contact the office: sandieabrams@hotmail.com or 314-991-2100, ext. 2, and "shop" for Nusach Hari B'nai Zion!!!
- **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, 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 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; for Chesed Fund Tributes come by the office and pick up a package of cards!
- **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.
- **Memorial Plaques** ~ Memorial plaques 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, 314-991-2100, ext. 2.

Important Note About New Memorial Plaques	
To receive new Memorial Plaques for:	We must receive your order by:
Yom Kippur (October 4th - Yizkor)	July 28, 2014
Shemini Atzeres (October 16th - Yizkor)	August 6, 2014

- **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 in honor of family members, to celebrate special occasions, or as you observe the yahrzeits of your dear loved ones. To make arrangements call our office at 314-991-2100.

- **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.

NEWS & FEATURES

- **NHBZ's Pushkeh Project!** *Our rabbis teach that tzedakah and acts of kindness are the equivalent of all the mitzvos of the Torah.* Please come by our office and pick up your new *pushkeh* (tzedakah/charity box)!! Fill up your pushkeh!!! The tzedakah in your pushkeh will total all or part of your contribution toward admission to a Pushka Dinner that we will schedule down the road, date TBA. The shul is adopting this idea from our Sisterhood that, in years past, had prepared a yearly Pushkeh Dinner to help raise money for their coffers. *We want to say a BIG "Thank You" to Dr. Jay Pepose and Dr. Susan Feigenbaum for generously sponsoring the purchase of our new pushkehs, and "Thank You" to Bobby Levine for creating the beautiful pushkeh covers.*
- **New Landscaping Committee Forming ~ Do You Have a Green Thumb?!** The committee is starting to take shape! Thanks to **Judy Baker, Bob Kaiser, Bobby Levine, and Jim Pollock** for being the first to sign up!!! You can join this new committee too, and help create and develop the landscaping plans for our NHBZ property. Please call Mark Ragin, 314-324-0774.
- **We Have Our Rep for the Vaad Kashrus Committee!** Thanks to **Norma Rubin** who will be our Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Representative to sit on the Kashrus Committee of the Vaad Hoer!!!
- **The Sarah Adelman Memorial Lecture ~ Dr. Jerry Lob**, clinical psychologist in private practice in Chicago, will be the featured speaker to commemorate the eighth Yahrzeit of Sarah Adelman, ז"ל. Dr. Lob's presentation "*Finding Calm, Even Joy, in Difficult Times*" will take place at the Young Israel Synagogue, 8101 Delmar Blvd., on Sunday afternoon, July 27, at 1:30 p.m. He lectures and writes extensively on psychology, relationships, parenting, education, and Jewish thought. He earned his smicha in 1984. Minimum requested donation is \$18 per family; other categories: Guarantor \$500 or more, Benefactor \$250-\$500, or Sponsor \$100-\$250. The primary focus of The Sarah Adelman Memorial Fund is to provide financial support to needy families in the Orthodox community, whose children require assistance in obtaining counseling services. The Fund is also designed to support community awareness involving mental health issues, and to help needy families in the Orthodox community to defray the cost of a wedding.
- **Garden of Eden Volunteer Opportunities** ~ The Garden of Eden is on the grounds of the JCC, North of the A & E building. For information, contact: Myra Rosenthal at myrasue@sbcglobal.net or Lesley Levin at 314-691-6035.
- **SLIC, St. Louis Israel Connection** ~ A group that puts on events for young adults to educate them about Israel. **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason** will speak at an event at 3 Kings, July 31st at 7:00 about Tisha B'Av and the significance of it to the Jewish people and Israel from a historical perspective. Rabbi Smason's topic will be, "*Today's Meaning of Tisha B'Av.*" *All young 20-and-30-somethings are encouraged to join SLIC and attend this discussion. It promises to be an engaging and interesting discussion, indeed!*
- **Tomchei Shabbos On-Going FOOD DRIVE!!** Tomchei Shabbos means "Supporters of the Sabbath." *The "Barbara Mendelson Tomchai Shabbos Fund"* was established, by the Vaad Hoer of St. Louis, to help support Jews suffering severe economic distress, by providing the families in our community with their Shabbos and Yom Tov meals in a discreet and dignified manner. A special kosher food pantry is stocked to provide them with food essentials, chicken and meat. **Pick up a bag** at our NHBZ office; help make the Food Drive a Big Success!!! For questions or home pick-up, please call Sally Needle, 314-991-2575. Tomchai Shabbos is maintained through contributions of food and money. To make a donation go to www.ovkosher.org – click on HOME tab, then Vaad Hoer Community Services, then Tomchai Shabbos.
- **Tomchei Shabbos Cookbook Project** ~ Dedicated in memory of Merle Hartstein. Please share your recipes, typed with clear instructions, and include your name. Categories: Budget Conscious, International, Meat, Dairy, Pareve, Healthy, Low Fat, Gluten Free, Quick! Contact Bryna Kandel 314-569-5001, Janice

Mankowitz 314-434-7408, or Jackie Oppenheimer 314-997-6924, or email them to tomcheishabboscookbook@gmail.com.

President's Message

Please RSVP now for the Ari Weekend Shabbos Dinner.

Please join us as on August 1st and 2nd as we commemorate the Yahrzeit of Rabbi Isaac Luria, "The Holy Ari," founder of modern Kabbalah and author of the "Nusach H'Ari" siddur that we use. On Friday evening, August 1, at 6:30 pm, we will welcome Shabbos outdoors on the Kaiser Terrace, followed by Shabbos dinner. On Saturday morning, August 2, we will have a Lunch'n'Learn, featuring special guest speaker, Rabbi Levi Landa, Director of Programming of Chabad of Greater St. Louis. This is an opportunity to learn about the heritage that inspired the founding of our shul. Call now for reservations for Shabbos dinner.

Lenny Alper

*Beyond Twelve Gates by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason
Parshas Matos July 19, 2014*

Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates

A seven-year-old Canadian boy believes in the adage, "When life hands you lemons ...make lemonade." Seven-year-olds Quinn Callander and Brayden Grozdanich, from Vancouver, have been best buddies since kindergarten. Brayden suffers from cerebral palsy and has very painful daily physiotherapy to help him walk. Needing a \$20,000 operation that could see him walking without braces, Quinn was distressed to learn that Brayden's family couldn't afford the surgery which is only available in America. So Quinn decided to help.

"When I got home, I wanted to tell my mummy and daddy that I wanted to do a lemonade stand to help raise money to help him," Quinn said. The adorable duo set up an old-school lemonade stand on the street and wore matching blue shirts that said, "When life hands you lemons ... make lemonade". Quinn's mother also helped him start an online fundraising campaign for Brayden, which has raised over \$50,000. The two families have thanked all supporters for their kindness and generosity. "We are humbled by the generosity of others and our hearts are full," they wrote. "All funds raised past our goal will go to help the family with travel expenses and physiotherapy. Thank you again, you are amazing!"

There is no life that is not fraught with hardships and frustration, nor is there any important period in a person's life that passes without adversity. However, a bend in the road isn't the end of the road -- particularly if you have a friend to accompany you through the twists and turns of the journey. Ethics of the Fathers says "... *acquire for yourself a friend ..*" (1:6). Friends like Quinn Callander are the best 'purchase' you'll ever make.

Parshas Matos Numbers 30:2 - 32:42

Moses (*Moshe*) teaches the rules and restrictions governing oaths and vows. Promises are serious business. When we say that we plan to do something -- even something as simple as, 'I'll call you later' -- we're bound by our words. The Jewish people go to war against Midian. They kill the five Midianite kings, all of the males, and Bilaam. Moses is upset that women were taken as captives, because they were catalysts for the immoral behavior of the Jewish People. He rebukes the officers. The spoils of war are counted and apportioned. The commanding officers report to Moses that there was not one casualty among the B'nei Yisrael. In anticipation of entering the land of Israel, the tribes of Gad and Reuben petition Moses to remain on the eastern side of the Jordan River because that land is particularly suitable for grazing their cattle. Moses, not wanting to 'steer' Gad and Reuben wrong, grants their request on the condition that they first help the rest of the nation in conquering the entire land of Israel before returning to settle their inheritance.

The Tribes of Gad and Reuben, who own large quantities of livestock, petition *Moshe* to remain where they are and not traverse the Jordan River into Israel. They explain that the land where they are presently located is quite suitable as grazing land for their livestock. *Moshe's* initial response is that this request will discourage the rest of the B'nei Yisrael, and is akin to the sin of the spies. They assure *Moshe* that they will first help B'nei Yisrael wage war and conquer Israel, and only then will they go back to their homes on the eastern side of the Jordan River.

Moshe grants their request on condition that they uphold their part of the deal.

Rabbinic Ruminations

After a hunting trip in the Alps in 1941, Swiss engineer George de Mestral's dog was covered in burdock burrs -- the sticky seed heads of burdock plants. Mestral put one under his microscope and saw that the seeds had little hooks that would attach themselves to anything passing by to aid in seed dispersal. He realized that the same mechanism could be used to join other things together. This observation led him to invent the product now called Velcro. Biomimicry -- a term popularized by scientist and author Janine Benyus in her 1997 book *Biomimicry: Innovation Inspired by Nature* -- is the imitation of the models, systems, and elements of nature for the purpose of solving complex human problems.

One of the early examples of biomimicry was the study of birds to enable human flight. Although never successful in creating a "flying machine", Leonardo da Vinci (1452–1519) was a keen observer of the anatomy and flight of birds, and made numerous notes and sketches on his observations as well sketches of "flying machines". The Wright Brothers, who succeeded in flying the first heavier-than-air aircraft in 1903, derived inspiration from observations of pigeons in flight. Frank Fish, biology professor at West Chester University in Pennsylvania, theorized that the swimming prowess of humpback whales comes from a row of warty ridges, called tubercles, on the front edge of their fins. The aptly named Professor Fish, who first noticed the 'whale bumps' on a whale statue in a Boston gift shop, applied the idea to turbine blades. By adding rows of similar bumps to turbine blades he could reduce drag and noise, increase speed to changing wind direction and boost the power harnessed by 20 percent. The bumps are now being sold on industrial fans and on surfboards.

The Midrash relates that King David said to G-d, "Creator of the Universe, for what reason did you create these creatures when You made the world? The wasp gives no honey, is destructive, and gives no benefit. The spider weaves her web all year long, but we can make no garments out of her cobwebs." G-d answered him, "David, do you mock My creatures? A time will come when you need them and you will know why they were created." As King Solomon later said -- perhaps foreshadowing the discipline of biomimicry -- "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Quote of the Week

There's no reason to be the richest man in the cemetery. You can't do any business from there. -- *Colonel Harlan Sanders*

Joke of the Week

An older man in Miami calls his son in New York and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing. Forty-five years of misery is enough."

"Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the old man says. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her," and he hangs up.

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "Like heck they're getting divorced," she shouts. "I'll take care of this."

She calls her father immediately and says, "You are NOT getting divorced! Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "It worked!" he says. "They're coming for Pesach and paying their own airfare!"

The Deadline to submit new information to appear in our Shabbos Bulletin is Wednesday each week, at 12:00 noon. The bulletin is printed first thing every Thursday morning.

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

This Week At a Glance	Shabbos July 19	Sunday July 20	Monday July 21	Tuesday July 22	Wed. July 23	Thurs. July 24	Friday July 25	Shabbos July 26
Shachris	8:30 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	7:45 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:40 pm
Events – see times in Event Planner Box	<i>Synaplex: One Guest Speaker ~ U.S. Senator James Talent! Kiddush & Lunch in honor of July Birth- days & Anniver- saries!</i>	<i>“Learn to Lead Davening” with Dr.Ethan Schuman, 9:00 am; “Transforma- tional Teachings from Chassidut” with Rabbi Yosef Landa, 10:00 am</i>	BUY CASH CARDS!		<i>Rabbi Smason’s Lunch & Learn, 12:15-1:00 pm</i>	BUY CASH CARDS!	<i>Erev Shabbos</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
- 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 Rabbi Chanan Swidler, of Aish HaTorah
- “Learn to Lead Davening” (9:00 am) with Dr. Ethan Schuman after morning minyan
- “Transformational Teachings from the World of Chassidut” (10:00 am) with Rabbi Yosef Landa. Last class of the series tomorrow, July 20.
- “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) 3:15 pm with Rabbi Smason at NHBZ (Next class: Monday, July 28.)

WEDNESDAY

- Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn (12:15-1:00 pm) Studying Pirkei Avos.

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 the home of Jackie Berkin.
- Morris Lenga Yiddish Club (First Thursday, 7:30 pm) at NHBZ
- 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)
- RAP with the RABBI will resume in the fall.

NHBZ Signature Events

- Synaplex Shabbos
- Shabbos Lunch & Learn