



# NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

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**Haftorah:** Ezekiel 45:18 – 46:15 Stone Chumash pages 1218-1219

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## Erev Shabbos – Friday Night, March 28, 2014

- **Mincha & Ma'ariv** (7:00 pm)
- **Candle Lighting** (7:02 pm)

## Shabbos, March 29

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) ~ *Thank You For Leading Davening*
  - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
  - Shacharis: **Menachem Szus**
  - Leyning: **Moshe Leib Cohen**
  - Haftorah: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
  - *Drasha* (Sermon): **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
  - Musaf: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
- **Kiddush** ~ (After Musaf) Thanks to **Jeff Rothman** for his very generous donation to our NHBZ Kiddush Fund, for our Kiddush today, on the occasion of his relocation to Los Angeles.
- **Mincha, Shalosh Seudos, Ma'ariv** (6:50 pm)
- **Shabbos Concludes** (8:06 pm)
- **This week is Shabbos HaChodesh** ~ Shabbos of the "Month." **Shabbos HaChodesh** is the Shabbos that occurs on or before the first day of the month of Nisan during which Passover is observed. We read an extra Torah portion, Exodus 12:1-20, which talks about preparations for Passover, which begins on 15 Nisan. With one simple line, it establishes the Hebrew calendar: "This month shall be for you the beginning of the months, it shall be for you the first of the months of the year." In the Hebrew calendar, months are counted from Nisan in the spring but years are counted from the month of Tishrei in the fall. The corresponding haftorah portion is Ezekiel 45:18 – 46:15, which also talks about the first month and the offerings at that time.
- **Monument Dedication** ~ For Sonia Katz, ב"ר, beloved mother of Ruth Kaan, will be held tomorrow - Sunday, March 30, at noon, at Chesed Shel Emes Cemetery on White Road.
- **Rosh Chodesh Nisan** ~ Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

## Meetings

- **Women's Shiur** ~ Tuesday, April 1, at the home of Jackie Berkin.
- **Yiddish Club** ~ Thursday evening, April 3, at NHBZ
- **Board of Directors Meeting** ~ Tuesday, April 8: Minyan at 7:00 p.m.; Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- **Executive Committee Meeting** ~ Tuesday, April 29. (The 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday is the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Pesach. Minyan is at 7:00 p.m.; Meeting at 7:30 p.m.)

## NHBZ COMING EVENTS

- **Pesach is Coming** ~ Pesach will be upon us in a blink of an eye — it's TIME NOW to sell your chometz!!! FIVE WAYS to add your name and address to our list: **1.** Make an appointment to meet with Rabbi Smason in the office; **2.** Sell your chometz to Rabbi Smason at minyan; **3.** Come to the office and sign your name

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- yourself; **4.** Call Sandie, 314-991-2100, ext. 2; or **5.** Send an email to Sandie ([sandieabrams@hotmail.com](mailto:sandieabrams@hotmail.com)) and say that you want us to add your name to the list. Whichever way you choose, whether for your residence only or to add your place of business, please include your address, your apartment/unit number, (business name and suite number), and zip code. Please make your checks [payable to the Rabbi's Charity Fund](#) and send or bring them to our office; to charge to your credit card call Sandie at 314-991-2100, ext. 2.
- **Vaad Hoer Maos Chitim Campaign** ~ (now through Passover) – The campaign assists people in Israel and St. Louis to properly observe and celebrate Pesach. Please make checks payable to Vaad Hoer Maos Chitim, and write “NHBZ” on the notation; send checks to the Vaad Hoer or NHBZ.
  - **Lion's Den Pizza Night** ~ All-You-Can-Eat Pizza Buffet ~ Tomorrow evening, Sun., March 30, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Bring your family and friends to enjoy a delicious pizza dinner and schmoozing, and a movie for the kids!!! Reservations are not needed. Just show up and have a great time!!!! (Please place carry-out orders by 10:00 a.m. on Sun. morning, 314-991-2100, ext. 2.) ***Come and try our sensational New Jalapeno Pizza!!!***
  - **Lunch & Learn** ~ Next Shabbos, April 5<sup>th</sup>, in honor of April Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries. **Rabbi Smason** will speak on the topic: *“Pesach: Begin Again Now!”*
  - **Shalosh Seudos** ~ Next Shabbos, April 5<sup>th</sup>, will be sponsored by **Esther Kalina** and **Marian Walters** in memory of their beloved husbands **Sydney Kalina**, בָּרַךְ, and **Kurt Walters**, בָּרַךְ.
  - **Pre-Pesach Pizza Night** ~ All-You-Can-Eat Pizza Buffet ~ Sunday evening, April 13. Leave your sparkling clean, chometz-free home, and bring your family and friends to enjoy a delicious pizza dinner and schmoozing!!! Reservations are not needed. **WE WILL HAVE AN EARLIER TIME ON APRIL 13 – STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS!** (SORRY ~ No movie for the kids this time, and no carry out orders.)
  - **RAP with the RABBI Teen Group!** Sunday, April 27, 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 are welcome!
  - **SMILE!!! 😊 Be a Part of Our Family Album** ~ We invite all our members to make NHBZ's new **Photo Membership Directory** complete!!! There will be **NO CHARGE** and **NO PURCHASE REQUIREMENT** to get your family portrait taken for the directory. You **WILL RECEIVE – FREE OF CHARGE** your 8X10 portrait AND a copy of the finished directory. Photo sessions will be held at NHBZ in May. You will soon receive an email with the website to access; you will also receive the Login Name and Password to make your one-hour appointment. During your one-hour portrait session you will: Check in, Be professionally photographed, Immediately view your portrait images, and have an opportunity to purchase additional portraits – **AGAIN, THERE ARE NO PURCHASE REQUIREMENTS**; you MAY make purchases, but only if you so desire. Those of you without computers or access to the internet will receive the needed information through a mailing. We want EVERY ONE OF OUR MEMBERS to appear in this directory, and we plan to make the whole process as easy as possible. Enclosed with this bulletin is the time table for appointments. Stay tuned - -- more to come!!!

## **CLASS SERIES**

- **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 3:15 p.m. ***Monday afternoons***: next class, Monday, April 8, 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. This ongoing class meets on ***Wednesday evenings***; now meeting at 7:30 p.m., after minyan, in the NHBZ Chapel. Rabbi Cohen can be reached at 301-787-5538 for further questions.

# **SIMCHAS**

- **MAZEL TOV ON SIMCHAS** March 29 – April 4. **Happy Birthday to Eliana Brook, Alan Haber, Sarah Hirsch, Lou Osheroff!** **Wedding 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.

## **Wish List! Wish List! Wish List!**

- **DO YOU HAVE THESE ITEMS THAT YOU ARE NOT USING?** WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THEM A NEW HOME!!! We are wishing for ~~ A Projection Screen and a White Erasable Board, each on Tripod Stands; and each Large, Sturdy and Moveable! The projection screen we received from the Hollanders will be perfect for classes in the lower level Feigenbaum-Pepose Learning Center and the Teen Lounge. **For programs in the sanctuary/social hall, we need a very large screen; large enough so that slides and video presentations can be seen from the the stage in front of the ark to the back of the social hall.** SOOO, we would still like to have a second screen and second board for the convenience of having the equipment on both levels of our building!!!! These generous gifts will be tremendous aids for classes and other presentations. Can YOU grant our wishes? Please call 314-991-2100, ext. 2. *Many thanks to Larry & Shirley for the screen they donated, and to Howard & Phyllis for the new white board they purchased and donated!!!!*

## **Reminders**

- **TAKE ADVANTAGE of the 5% Discount when you pay your NHBZ Membership Dues in full, on or before March 31<sup>st</sup>!** **The deadline is THIS MONDAY!!!**
- **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 or as close to the 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **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](mailto: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, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

- **Tomchei Shabbos FOOD DRIVE!!** Pick up your bags at our NHBZ office; help make the Food Drive a Big Success!!! For questions or home pick-up, please call Jackie Oppenheimer at 997-6924.
- **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](mailto:tomcheishabboscookbook@gmail.com).
- **Community-Wide Yom HaShoah Commemoration** ~ Sunday, April 27, at United Hebrew Congregation. "Bearing Witness For Those Who Cannot: Testimony From the Holocaust" featuring testimonies by St. Louis Survivors recounting their experiences during this tragic period of history.

## **President's Message**

Pesach is coming soon! It is time to sell your chometz NOW! There are five ways to add your name to the Chometz-Selling List. See details that begin on the front page of this bulletin.

The Shul also must remove all chometz prior to Pesach, as we all do in our homes. As part of this effort, we must clean the shelves in the lobby closet and the chapel coat rack. In recent months, those shelves have accumulated a surprising number of items other than hats! We now have toys, books, flyers, clothing, shoes, and even children's car seats. If any of these belong to you, please remove them so we can clean those shelves for Pesach. Any items remaining on April 11 will be boxed and stored during Pesach. After Pesach, the box will become a lost-and-found box.

*Lenny Alper*



*Beyond Twelve Gates by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason*  
*Parshas Tazria March 29, 2014*

*Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates*

All those hard-to-break vaults you've seen in movies are nothing compared to the Antwerp Diamond Vault. The vault in Belgium is considered the most impenetrable safe in the world. Housing 70% of the world's diamonds, the Antwerp Diamond Vault is outfitted with un-matched security equipment including; heat detectors, Doppler radar, seismic sensors, magnetic fields, and a lock with over 100 million possible combinations designed to shut down for hours if the wrong code is entered in twice. Furthermore, the door itself is three tons, constructed of solid steel, and would require 12-hours of non-stop drilling to penetrate.

But guess what happened in 2003? A ring of Italian thieves known as "The School of Turin" broke in and stole \$100 million worth of diamonds and other treasures! In true "Oceans 11" style, they set off no alarms and Antwerp officials weren't aware of the breach until the next morning when they arrived at the Diamond Center and discovered their safe gaping open and ransacked. The booty was never found, but police did arrest one man based on DNA evidence found on a half-eaten sandwich (pastrami? corned beef? tuna?) at the scene. The Antwerp Diamond Center has since upped its security even more, yet it seems the 2003 incident has shown that even the most sophisticated vault is no match for a truly determined criminal mastermind.

Everyone seeks security. Where can reliable, unshakable security be found, particularly in troubled times? King David advises: "The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know Your name trust in You, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you." (Psalm 9:10-11)

*Parshas Tazria Leviticus 12:1 -- 13:59*

Parshas Tazria describes in great detail the varying and numerous manifestations of the disease called tzara'as. Although it has commonly been mistranslated as leprosy, this skin disease bears little resemblance to any bodily ailment transmitted through normal exposure. Rather, tzara'as is the physical manifestation of a spiritual malaise, a punishment from G-d primarily for the sin of speaking loshon hara. Loshon hara, meaning literally 'the evil tongue', is often translated as 'gossip'. However, loshon hara is the Hebrew term for derogatory speech that is true. Motzei shem rah refers to derogatory speech about others that is false and slanderous.

The metzora (one diagnosed with tzara'as) was to be sent into isolation, tear his garments, and to call out 'contaminated, contaminated!' Since he abused his power of speech, sowing strife and distancing people from one another, it was fitting that he too should suffer the effects of isolation. The various punishments recorded in the Torah are not intended to serve as revenge for the sin; they are measures that will hopefully restore the person to the correct path.

*Rabbinic Ruminations*

Who is really smarter, college students or preschoolers? In one case, a simple test of logic produced a surprising win for 4 and 5-year olds over college students. In a test of learning and reasoning, 170 college undergrads were put up against 106 four and five-year olds. Both groups had to try to figure out a game called 'Blickets', which was invented for the study. The game was simple enough for the preschoolers to understand and only involved watching researchers put simple clay objects, like cylinders, pyramids and cubes, onto a box. Then the box either lit up and played some music or didn't. From the objects that were put on the box, participants had to work out which objects were 'blickets'; in other words which objects or combinations had the power to make the box light up.

Preschoolers were much more likely than the college students to notice that sometimes unusual combinations of objects would make the box light up. One of the study's authors wrote, "The kids got it. They figured out that the machine might work in this unusual way and so that you should put both blocks on together. But the best and

brightest students acted as if the machine would always follow the common and obvious rule, even when we showed them that it might work differently." Unlike preschoolers, even the smartest young adults were less likely to entertain new theories, even in the face of new evidence.

The researchers concluded that: "The very fact that children know less to begin with may, paradoxically, make them better, or at least more open-minded, learners. The plasticity of early beliefs may help to explain the bold exploration and breathtaking innovation that characterizes children's learning."

The above-mentioned study finds support in classic Jewish literature. Ethics of the Fathers states: One who studies Torah as a child, to what is he compared? To ink written on fresh paper. And one who studies Torah as an old man, to what is he compared? To ink written on blotted paper." Young minds are remarkable in their ability to adapt to new situations and surroundings. This is true on a scholastic level as well as a religious and spiritual plane. Teach your children well; the younger you start, the better.

### *Quote of the Week*

If you stay in your comfort zone, you aren't really living -- *Kolohe Andino*

### **Joke of the Week**

A Scoutmaster was teaching his Boy Scouts about survival in the Alaskan wilderness.

"What are the three most important things you should bring with you in case you get lost alone in the woods?" he asked. Several hands went up, and a number of important items were mentioned, such as water, matches, etc. Then one little boy in the back eagerly raised his hand.

"Yes, Timmy, what are the three most important things you would bring?" asked the Scoutmaster.

*Timmy replied, "A compass, food, and a deck of cards."*

"Why's that, Timmy?" the Scoutmaster inquired.

*"The compass is to find the right direction, and the food is to maintain you during the rescue."*

"And what about the playing cards, Timmy?" asked the Scoutmaster impatiently.

*"Well, sir, as soon as you start playing solitaire, someone always walks up behind you and says, "Put that red nine on top of that black ten!"*

***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!!!

<b>This Week At a Glance</b>	Shabbos March 29	Sunday March 30	Monday March 31	Tuesday April 1	Wed. April 2	Thurs. April 3	Friday April 4	Shabbos April 5
Shachris	9:00 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	6:45 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:50 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	6:55 pm
<b>Events – see times in Event Planner Box</b>	<i>Good Shabbos to Everyone</i>	<i>All You Can Eat Pizza Buffet ~ 5:00 to 7:00 pm</i>	<b>BUY CASH CARDS</b>	<i>Rosh Chodesh Nisan</i>  <i>Women's Home Study Group, 2:30 pm at the home of Jackie Berkin</i>	<i>Lunch &amp; Learn w/ Rabbi Smason, 12:15 pm;</i>  <i>CLASS: Chassidic Insights 7:30 pm after minyan</i>	<i>Yiddish Club, 7:30 pm At NHBZ</i>	<i>Erev Shabbos</i>	<i>Lunch &amp; Learn in honor of April Birthdays &amp; Wedding Anniversaries</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 (45 minutes before Mincha)

#### SUNDAY

- Mishna Learning (after Shachris) with Rabbi Chanan Swidler of Aish HaTorah
- 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays) 3:15 pm with Rabbi Smason

#### WEDNESDAY

- Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn (12:15-1:00 pm) Studying Pirkei Avos.
- "Chassidic Insights into the Weekly Parsha" (7:30 pm, after Minyan) Rabbi (Chaplain, Major) Avraham Cohen

### 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)
- RAP with the RABBI (Last Sunday of the month, 10:00 am **at Starbucks**)

### NHBZ Signature Events

- Synaplex Shabbos
- Shabbos Lunch & Learn