



# NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

*Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion*

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Haftorah: Amos 9:7-15

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*Candle Lighting ~ 7:35 p.m.*

*Shabbos Concludes ~ 8:38 p.m.*

## Our Generous Sponsor This Shabbos . . .

- *Thank You to Menachem, Linda, & Micky Szus for sponsoring Lunch to welcome the gahntza mishpucha - Eli Szus, Dr. Dana (Szus) Sutton, Dr. Elie Sutton, and Baby Sammy Sutton, all visiting St. Louis from New York. Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion!!!*

## Shabbat Shalom!

**Erev Shabbos, Friday Night, May 1, 2015**

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

**Shabbos, May 2, 2015**

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) ~ *Thank You For Leading Davening*
  - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
  - Shacharis: **Menachem Szus**
  - Leyning: **Max Gornish**
  - Haftorah: **Bruce Waxman**
  - *Drasha* (Sermon): **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
  - Musaf: **Eli Szus**
- **Tefillah/Prayer Learners' Service** ~ (9:30 am) Led by **Rabbi Yosef David** in the Rivkin Chapel.
- **Learners' Service** ~ (10:15 am) Led by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason** in the Rivkin Chapel.
- **Kiddush & Lunch** ~ (After Musaf)
- **Mincha, Shalosh Seudos, Ma'ariv** ~ (7:20 pm)
- **Shabbos Concludes** ~ (8:38 pm)
- **Lag B'Omer** ~ Thurs., May 7, refers to the 33rd day of the counting of the Omer. It was a happy day on the Jewish calendar. The thousands of students of **Rabbi Akiva**, who had perished in a plague, stopped dying on Lag B'Omer. Because of the death of 24,000 students of the famed Akiva, the sages of Israel declared a mourning period of 33 days, between Pesach and Shavuot. However, festivities are permitted on Lag B'Omer, which occurs this Thursday. Haircuts and weddings are permitted on Lag B'Omer and after.

## SIMCHAS

**MAZEL TOV ON SIMCHAS** May 2-8. **Happy Birthday to Becca Near** (May 1), **Rubin Amon, Denny Feit, Aida Greenberg, Jim Pollock, Daniel Rosenbluth, and Boruch Smason!** *Happy Anniversary to ~ Victor & Anna Rose Tendler!* 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 Pack of Cards.

**Friendly Reminder ~ Yizkor Donations:** – Just a friendly reminder to send your Yizkor contributions in memory of your loved ones. To charge your donation to your credit card - call Sandie at 314-991-2100, ext. 2.

*Please be sure to read Rabbi Smason's Beyond Twelve Gates in this Bulletin:  
"Is it Raining Meatballs – or Falafel?"*

**When You Need Rabbi Smason** ~ When you or a loved one becomes ill, and is hospitalized, please have a family member or friend contact Rabbi Smason on his cell phone as soon as possible . . . 314-749-5271.

**Mi Shebarach List** ~ Prayers said for a *Refuah Shelayma* (Speedy Recovery) for your loved ones and friends. Please call 314-991-2100, ext. 2, by 10 a.m. Friday mornings to include the names on our list to be read on Shabbos.

## **Shul News . . .**

- **CALL US WITH YOUR GRADUATES!** Before you know it, we will be heading into Graduation Time. Do you have a graduate in your family? Please call Sandie, 314-991-2100, ext. 2, and give us your graduates' names, schools, universities and degrees earned, so we can wish you and your graduates a big Mazel Tov in our Shabbos Bulletin! This year, Graduation Shabbos ~ when our Kiddush will be in honor of all the graduates ~ will be on Shabbos, June 13th.
- **Sunday, May 3, to Monday, May 11** ~ Sandie Abrams will be on vacation from Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, returning to the office on Monday, May 11. 😊  
During the work week of Monday, May 4, through Friday, May 8, Laura Krueger, our Business Manager will be available in the office during the following hours:  
Monday-Wednesday-Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Tuesday & Thursday: 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.
- **Shabbos, May 9** ~ May Lunch & Learn and Synaplex Shabbat. Regular Services begin at 8:30 a.m., **Rabbi David's Learners' Service** at 9:15 a.m., **Rabbi Smason's Learners' Service** at 10:00 a.m., Synaplex Sessions at 11:15 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:15 p.m. Luncheon in honor of May Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries. Synaplex speakers will be **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason** speaking on the topic: "Historic Space Quotes: *The Torah View of Humanity's Journey Into the Unknown*;" **Dr. Andrew Rehfeld**, President and CEO of Jewish Federation of St. Louis: "Israel & America Today: *The Creation of Three Jewish Peoples*;" **Rabbi Yaakov Berkowitz**, "Making It Count: *Secrets of Sefiras Ha'Omer*." Plus Youth Programming and Tot Shabbat. Thanks to **Anna Rose Tandler and Sandy Klarfeld** for planning and taking charge of the luncheon!!!
- **Monday, May 11** ~ **Movie Deadline E-X-T-E-N-D-E-D!!! – RSVP & Payment Made on or before Monday, May 11** ~ "Above and Beyond," a movie about the creation of the Israeli Air Force in 1948, will be shown at Plaza Frontenac on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 8:00 p.m., under the sponsorship of the Jewish Film Festival. We plan to have a group from Nusach Hari B'nai Zion attend at the special group rate of **\$10 per ticket – PAID IN ADVANCE**. If you would like to participate, please call the office and send in or deliver your checks to the office, before the "group deadline" of April 30, 2015. Tickets at the door, if still available, will be \$12. (**STILL CHECKING TO BE SURE THERE ISN'T A LATER DEADLINE DATE.**)
- **Tuesday, May 12** ~ Board of Director's Meeting. **Mincha & Ma'ariv at 7:00 pm, Meeting, 7:30 pm.**
- **Monday, May 18** ~ **Roey Gilad**, the Consulate General of Israel, to the Midwest Region of the United States (stationed in Chicago), will speak at Nusach Hari B'nai Zion the day after Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Reunification Day). Before going to Chicago, Mr. Gilad served in various positions outside Israel including the UK, Jordan and Kenya. The 51-year-old native Israeli is fluent in Hebrew, English and Arabic, and is knowledgeable in French. He holds B.A. and M.A. Degrees in Middle Eastern Studies and a B.A. Degree in National Security. Further information to follow – stay tuned for exciting details!!!
- **Tuesday, May 19** ~ Sisterhood Mother's Day Luncheon & Bingo Party! RSVP to Rachael, 314-395-6017
- **Motzai Shabbos, May 23** ~ **Erev Shavuos** ~ Cold Buffet Dinner at 9:15 p.m. followed by Early-Bird Learning at 10:30 p.m. The two days of Shavuos are - Sunday & Monday, May 24 & 25. Yizkor will be recited on Monday, May 25. Be a Shavuos Dinner Sponsor for \$25.00; and RSVP for dinner reservations, 314-991-2100, ext. 2. Adults: \$12.00; Kids 4-10: \$5.00; Kids 3 & Under: FREE.
- **Tuesday, May 26** ~ Executive Committee Meeting. **Mincha & Ma'ariv at 7:00 pm, Meeting, 7:30 pm.**
- **Sunday, May 31** ~ **All-You-Can-Eat Pizza Buffet** ~ 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. **New scanners will accept Credit Card Payments!!!** Are you new to NHBZ, looking to meet more members...sign up to help on our Pizza Buffet Line! It's a great way for everyone to say "Hi." Bring your family and friends to enjoy a delicious dinner of pizza, pasta, salad and garlic bread, dessert and beverage! Reservations are not needed - just show up, eat to your heart's content, have fun schmoozing and have a great time!!! Plus 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: 4:30-4:45 p.m.)

- **Shabbos, June 6** ~ Thanks to **Bob & Joni Kaiser** and **Dr. Susan Feigenbaum & Dr. Jay Pepose** for sponsoring lunch in honor of their Wedding Anniversaries! **30-years for Joni & Bob, 36 for Susan & Jay!**
- **Shabbos, June 13** ~ Lunch in honor of June Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries, AND Graduation Shabbos!!! Parents or Grandparents of the Graduates have traditionally helped to sponsor the Kiddush with their kind contributions of \$25.00.
- **Sunday, June 14** ~ **The First NHBZ KidZone Community Family BBQ!!!** 5:00-7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars and save the date!!!
- **Women's Emergency Tehillim Circle** ~ The following women (**\*new**) have made the commitment to be "on call" to say Tehillim for individuals whenever an **emergency** situation occurs: **Julie Eisenberg**, Chairperson, **Sandie Abrams, Debbie Barash, Shirley Bluestein, Marcie Brook, \*Linda Carton, Terec Farbstein, \*Mimi Fiszal, Rhonnie Goldfader, Sandy Kahn, Joni Kaiser, Sandy Klarfeld, Sarah Klein, \*Lori Laird, Cindy Looney, \*Phyllis Loiterstein, Beverly Magencey, \*Marcela Morgensztern, Laura Rader, \*Mimi Sabol, Shayna Scribner, Peggy Umansky, and \*Mindy Woolf.** We say the prayers at home. Please call **Julie Eisenberg**, 314-695-5615, or **Sandie Abrams**, 314-991-2100, ext. 2., if you would like to participate. We will ask you to provide your phone number(s) and email address so we can get word to you as soon as an emergency arises.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This **EMERGENCY Tehillim Circle** is separate from the ongoing Tehillim we are saying for our dear friend Michelle Mufson. Although some of the women listed above are part of both groups, the Emergency Circle truly stands "on call" and ready to act immediately, within the special circumstances of the Emergency element of this group. As soon as Rabbi Smason learns of a critical, emergency situation in our community, he will alert Julie, give her the name of the person in crisis, and emails will go out immediately so we can begin saying Tehillim.

## **In The Community . . .**

- **Millstone Campus Men's Mikvah** ~ Due to the long-awaited improvements being made to the Millstone Campus mikvahs, the men's mikvah will not be available for use on Erev Shabbos for the next several weeks, until further notice.
- **Kashrus Alert** ~ Please be aware that Café Latte Toffee and Caramel Macchiato Toffee under the Walgreens brand was labeled with a plain cRc logo. Both products are indeed dairy (Cholov Stam) as indicated on the ingredients and allergen statement. Corrective measures are being taken.
- **Wednesday, May 6** ~ "Mending Relationships" presented by Eishes Chayil, a Division of St. Louis Kollel. Be inspired by this powerful video presentation featuring world renowned lecturers Rabbi Eli Mansour and Rebbetzin Aviva Finer, 8:00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Batya Rich, 7949 Delmar. Light refreshments will be served. For more information or to RSVP, [skowalsky@stlkollel.com](mailto:skowalsky@stlkollel.com).
- **Monday, May 11** ~ EHA's Cub Scout Pack 180 presents a "Community Bike Safety Event," 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Kaufman Park – Green Center, 8025 Blackberry Ave., in University City. FREE and open to kids of all ages. Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. FREE: Giveaways, Bike Clinic/Race, Bike Safety Inspections. For a FREE Helmet Check, you must pre-register, 314-454-5437, press 3, and provide date (May 11) and location (Kaufman Park). Fitted helmets available for \$11.00. For more information contact Debbie Friedman, 314-229-9582 or [dbfrdmn@yahoo.com](mailto:dbfrdmn@yahoo.com).
- **Wednesday, May 27** ~ The Mark Raiffie Memorial Lecture featuring Nili Couzens, "Positively You: The Secret to Energizing Your Life," at 7:30 p.m. at The Aish Firehouse, 457 N. Woods Mill Rd., Chesterfield, MO 63017. Nili Couzens has lectured in Israel, South Africa, Central America, and cities and universities across the United States. Cost: Free. For details or to RSVP call 314-862-2474 or email [cwolff@aish.com](mailto:cwolff@aish.com).
- **A Call for Help from the Jewish Food Pantry** ~ The Jewish Food Pantry is in desperate need of volunteers. The amount of food they are receiving is growing, but the number of people to organize all of the donations is NOT keeping up! To help or for questions, call **Julie Eisenberg** at 314-494-8437.
- **Women's Community Tehillim Group** ~ A group of women gather each Sunday at 9:15 a.m., at the home of Jan Adelman, 8032 Amherst Ave, 314-863-5438, to say Tehillim in the *zchus* (merit) of a *refuah shelayma* (full & speedy recovery) for the *cholim* (the ill people) in our community. The Tehillim hotline for names and updates: 314-441-6460. If you have questions, please call **Julie Eisenberg** at 314-494-8437.
- **Tomchei Shabbos On-Going FOOD DRIVE!!** *Tomchei Shabbos* (Supporters of the Sabbath) is maintained through contributions of food and money, and was established by the Vaad Hoer, which

discreetly provides families in our community with Shabbos & Yom Tov meals. Bring a bag of non-perishables to our office, or for home pick-up please call **Sally Needle**, 314-991-2575. To make a donation go to [www.ovkosher.org](http://www.ovkosher.org).

## President's Message from Lenny Alper



**Mazel Tov to Rabbi Aaron and Rebbitzin Pearl Borow** on being honored by Emunah Jerusalem. Rabbi Borow is the Rabbi Emeritus of NHBZ, having served from 1965 until 1999, when he and Pearl made aliyah.

Emunah National Religious Women's Organization serves the Israeli population with programs from infancy to old age in a variety of areas: social welfare, education and volunteerism, family and culture, National Service, including: daycare centers, high schools for girls, college for teacher training, homes for children at risk, family counseling centers, and more. Pearl Borow has been an active member at the Jerusalem branch of Emunah for many years, teaching a variety of classes.

Emunah Jerusalem is honoring the Borows at a banquet in June. To raise money for its many activities, Emunah is publishing an ad journal in conjunction with the banquet. **Wouldn't it be nice to surprise them with a full-page ad from NHBZ in St. Louis?** I know there are many friends and admirers of the Borows in our congregation who would like to recognize them in this way. Even those who do not know them personally can show appreciation for the long-time contributions that Rabbi and Rebbetizen Borow made to our shul.

A full page ad costs \$500, and I invite all who are interested in participating to make a contribution of any amount toward the ad. Please contact Bobby Levine or Sandie Abrams in the office for details. Also, you can purchase a personal ad starting at \$50. **The deadline for ads is May 15!**

*Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason  
Parshas Acharai-Mos ~ Kedoshim May 2, 2015*

### *"Is it Raining Meatballs – or Falafel?"*

Blockbuster season is almost upon us, but what will this coming summer's big hitters be? Regardless of the film you're most looking forward to seeing (did someone say *Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation?*), you may have a problem finding your favorite flick in a non-English speaking country. Most countries translate American titles, especially those based on localized idioms, into something that rarely resembles the source. Things in the title-translation world in Israel can be particularly bewildering.

Comedies often take a beating in Hebrew. The 2009 film *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* became "It's Raining Falafel," perhaps being yummiest to Sabras. The animated feature film *Despicable Me 2* was called "Crazy about the Minions" in Hebrew. Was that titled by a translator who loves to *daven* (pray) in a group of ten? The first *Despicable Me* was called "Crazy about the Moon," and *Frozen* was "Breaking the Ice." Some other unusual Hebrew titles: *The Terminator* was translated as "Lethal Delivery," *In The Land of Women* is "Go Figure Women," and *Groundhog Day* is "Wake Up Yesterday." Historically, some Israeli titles honored cultural sensitivity: *The Six Million Dollar Man*, the 1970s TV series about a bionic man, was changed to "The Man Worth Millions" due to the Holocaust- association of the phrase 'six million.'

A translation rarely is a perfect rendering of the original. Exodus 34:29 says, "When Moses descended from Mount Sinai ... Moses did not know that the skin of his face had become radiant when He had spoken to him." A famous 4th century Christian mistranslation rendered Moses' "radiance" into "horned." From this error came centuries of paintings and sculptures of Moses with horns and the odd offensive stereotype of the horned Jew. Umberto Eco, Italian essayist and philosopher, said, "Translation is the art of failure." The solution? Study Hebrew yourself, to better -- and accurately-- understand the nuances and richness of the Torah and other classic Jewish texts.

*Parshas Acharei / Kedoshim Leviticus 16:1 - 20:27*

*Acharei* begins with a lengthy description of the special Yom Kippur service to be performed in the *Mishkan* by the Kohen Gadol. The service included the lottery selection from among two identical goats, one of which would

become a national sin offering and the other to be pushed off a cliff in the desert as the bearer of the people's sins (the 'scapegoat'). We also find described the command that Yom Kippur and its laws of fasting and refraining from work be observed eternally by the Jewish people as a day of atonement. *Acharei* concludes with a listing of the immoral and forbidden sexual relationships, and the command that the Jewish people maintain and ensure the holiness of the land of Israel.

*Kedoshim* begins with G-d's command to the entire nation of Israel to be holy, emulating the supreme sanctity of G-d Himself. The Torah goes on to delineate a multitude of *mitzvos* through which we can achieve sanctity, covering a wide variety of subjects, both positive commandments and negative injunctions, dealing with our unique relationships to G-d and our fellow man. Amongst the highlights; revere your parents, guard Shabbos from desecration, have honest dealings with our neighbors, refrain from tale-bearing, don't hate your brother in your heart, and the well-known commandment to love your friend as yourself. *Kedoshim* concludes with the commandment that we be a holy and distinct people from among the nations of the world.

### *Rabbinic Ruminations*

A three-person U.S.-Russia crew departed last month to the International Space Station for a year-long flight. Scientists are interested in seeing how the human body fares during longer stays in space, as the United States and other countries begin planning for multi-year missions to Mars. Medical studies on the effects of weightlessness after many months in low-Earth orbit thus far have clearly shown one hard truth -- humans aren't cut out for life without gravity. Over time, microgravity reduces muscle and bone mass; weakens cardiovascular systems; greatly diminishes an astronaut's natural immune system; and may even hinder critical thinking. Some believe, however, that *artificial gravity* could solve all these problems.

Artificial gravity is the increase or decrease of apparent gravity by artificial means. Artificial gravity habitats are now being discussed as a crucial component of long-duration stays in space. "If we want to stay in space longer than a year we're going to have to have artificial gravity systems or else we're going to sacrifice people in the process," said William Kemp, a defense-contractor who believes he has come up with a design that offers a viable solution in such instances. It's a 30-meter diameter cylindrical space station, capable of creating artificial gravity by spinning the cylinder about its long axis. Kemp's proposed space station would create 0.6 gravity; the minimum needed to keep humans safely in a gravitational environment for at least two years.

The Talmud relates Rabbi Akiva taught Torah to the Jewish people at a time when the Romans banned it under penalty of death. When warned that he was endangering his life, Rabbi Akiva replied with the following parable: A fox was once walking by the bank of a river, and saw fish darting from place to place. "What are you fleeing from?" he asked the fish. "To escape the nets of the fisherman," the fish replied. "In that case," said the fox, "come and live on dry land together with me and I will protect you." "Are you the one they describe as the cleverest of animals?" the fish asked the fox. "You are not clever, but foolish. If we are in danger here in the water where we live, how much more so would we be in danger on dry land, where we would surely die?"

Torah is to Jewish survival, said Rabbi Akiva, as water is to fish. If we were to abandon the study of Torah and the Torah way of life which sustains our existence, we would certainly perish. Artificial gravity or not, a Jew can be sustained only by the Torah. Without Torah, a Jew is a fish out of water.

### *Quote of the Week*

Judge a man by his questions rather than by his answers -- *Voltaire*

### **Joke of the Week**

A young man who had been hired by the personnel department of a large supermarket chain reported to work at one of the stores. The manager greeted him with a warm handshake and a smile, handed him a broom and said, "Your first job will be to sweep out the store."

"But," the young man protested, "I'm a college graduate."

"Oh, I'm sorry," the manager said, "I didn't know that. Here, give me the broom and I'll show you how."

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

<i>This Week At a Glance</i>	Shabbos May 2	Sunday May 3	Monday May 4	Tuesday May 5	Wed. May 6	Thurs. May 7	Friday May 8	Shabbos May 9
Shachris	9:00 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	8:30 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:20 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:25 pm

## NHBZ Event Planner

(Check “**Shul News . . .**” for time, date or location changes.)

Call the office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2, to confirm the date and time of any event.

**All events will be at NHBZ unless otherwise noted.**

### WEEKLY at NHBZ

#### SHABBOS

- Tefillah Class (9:30 am) led by Rabbi Yosef David in the Rivkin Chapel.
- Child Care (10:00 am – Noon) for kids 3 & under in the Children’s Room.
- Learners Service (10:15 am) led by Rabbi Ze’ev Smason in the Rivkin Chapel.
- Shabbos Tanach (Bible) (45 minutes before Mincha)

#### SUNDAY

- Mishna Learning (after Shacharis) 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

- Mah Jongg (Mondays, 4-6:00 pm) NHBZ Lower Level. Proceeds benefit The NHBZ Chesed Fund.

#### WEDNESDAY

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

### SEMI-MONTHLY at NHBZ

- Women’s Tefillah Class (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays) 3:15 pm with Rabbi Smason at NHBZ.

### MONTHLY at NHBZ

- Irvin Alper Social Club (First Sunday) 5:00 pm.
- Mussar Mondays (First Monday) 7:00-7:45 pm. at the home of Richard & Mindy Woolf.
- 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.
- Sisterhood (Third Tuesday)
- 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 – 4:45 pm.

### NHBZ Signature Events

- Synaplex Shabbos
- Shabbos Lunch & Learn

***The Deadline to submit new information to appear in our Shabbos Bulletin is Wednesday each week, NO LATER THAN 12:00 noon, please. That will allow the time needed to make changes. The bulletin is printed first thing every Thursday morning.***