

# NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

October 19, 2013

*Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion*

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**Torah Portion:** Parshas Vayera: Genesis 18:1 – 22:24  
**Haftorah:** 2 Kings 4:1-37

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## Erev Shabbos – Friday Night, October 18, 2013

- **Mincha & Maariv** (6:05 pm)
- **Candle Lighting** (6:01 pm)



## Shabbos, October 19

- **Shachris & Musaf** (8:30 am) ~ *Thank You For Leading Davening*
  - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
  - Shacharis: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
  - Leyning: **Kenny Bressler**
  - Haftorah: **Reuven Tzadok**
  - *Drasha* (Sermon): **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
  - Musaf: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
- **Synaplex Shabbat** ~ Today, Shabbos, October 19. Learners' Service at 10 a.m., Synaplex break-out classes at 11:00 a.m.: *"The 10 Commandments of How to Get Along With People"* led by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**; *"The New Challenges in Egypt: What it all means for the Middle East?"* led by **Dr. Morris Kalliny, St. Louis University Professor of International Business and Marketing**; *"Genesis: In the Footsteps of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs"* led by **Rabbi Yaakov Berkowitz, of the St. Louis Kollel**; **Youth Programming:** For kids 4 and over; and **Tot Shabbat**. Lunch at noon, following the Synaplex Sessions, in honor of September and October Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries
- **Mincha, Shalosh Seudos, Ma'ariv** (5:45 pm) Thanks to **Sarah Klein** for sponsoring Shalosh Seudos this evening in memory of her beloved father Yaakov Griner, ז"ל.
- **Shabbos Concludes** (7:02 pm)

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

<i>This Week At a Glance</i>	Shabbos Oct. 19	Sunday Oct. 20	Monday Oct. 21	Tuesday Oct. 22	Wed. Oct. 23	Thurs. Oct. 24	Friday Oct. 25	Shabbos Oct. 26
<b>Shachris</b>	8:30 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	9:00 am
<b>Mincha/ Ma'ariv</b>	5:45 pm	5:50 pm	5:50 pm	5:50 pm	5:50 pm	5:50 pm	5:50 pm	5:35 pm
<b>Events – see times in Event Planner Box</b>	<i>Synaplex and Lunch in honor of September &amp; October Birthdays &amp; Anniversaries!!!!</i>	<i>Rabbi Ride Around and Picnic</i>  <i>Picnic at 12:30 pm</i>		<b>ORDER CASH CARDS!</b>	<b>Weekly Lunch &amp; Learn, with Rabbi Smason, 12:15pm</b>  <b>Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class, 7:00 pm</b>		<i>Erev Shabbos</i>	<i>Good Shabbos to Everyone!</i>  <i>Special treats In Honor of Leo Bressler's birthday from his family!!</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
- 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**, 7:00 pm with Rabbi Smason.

#### **WEDNESDAY**

- Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn (12:15-1:00 pm) now 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 home of Jackie Berkin.
- Morris Lenga Yiddish Club (First Thursday, 7:30 pm)
- Dine-In Pizza Night (Last Sunday 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm) Carry-Out Pizzas also available. Pick up time 4:30 pm. Place orders: 314-991-2100, ext. 2.
- Sisterhood (Third Tuesday)

#### **NHBZ Signature Events**

- Synaplex Shabbos
- Shabbos Lunch & Learn

## **WHAT'S UP TOMORROW?**

- **Our FIFTH Annual RABBI RIDE-AROUND** will take place tomorrow - Sunday, October 20, in Forest Park!! Please become a sponsor for Rabbi Smason's 50-Mile Ride Around Forest Park: We ask a minimum pledge of 25c per mile, which equals a total donation of \$12.50; 50c = \$25; \$1.00 = \$50; \$2.00 = \$100.00!!! Call our office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2, to make your pledge. And please come to cheer Rabbi Smason on, and to enjoy a Picnic-In-The-Park! We will meet at Pavilion #5, SW corner of the park by Clayton Road & Hwy. 40. **Rabbi Smason** begins his Ride at 10:00 a.m.; Picnic at 12:30 p.m. **Robin Rickerman** is planning a great lunch: Pitas with falafel, chummus & Israeli salad, and chips; kids' lunch – grilled cheese on pita bread ~ actually grilled on the grill, and chips; lemonade & iced tea; and Tutti Fruitti Yogurt cups for everyone!!! Adults: \$10.00 for adults, Kids: \$5.00. Games for little kids, and games for adults, too! Plan to arrive 11:00-11:30-ish, lunch will be served around 12:30 noon. Or arrive earlier to cheer Rabbi Smason along as he rounds the park!!!

## **COMING EVENTS**

- **Lion's Den Pizza Night** ~ Our "Last Sunday of the Month" All-You-Can-Eat Pizza Buffet - Sunday, October 27. 5:00-7:00 p.m. – Reservations are not needed. Just show up and have a great time!!!! (Please place carry-out orders by that Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. 314-991-2100, ext. 2.)
- **Bi-Monthly Women's Tefila Class** ~ Led by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**, the class meets on the 2nd and 4th **MONDAYS** of the month, at 7:00 p.m. Next class - Monday, October 28, 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.

- **Havdalah & S'Mores** ~ Motzai Shabbos – Saturday night, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Nusach Hari B'nai Zion, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Join us to Welcome the New Week under the stars on our patio, and then make S'Mores over the fire pit. Everyone is welcome!!! **Kids ~ bring your parents!!!**
- **“The Portrait of Israel in the Media: Fair and Balanced?” Neil Lazarus**, World Renowned Israel Advocacy Expert and Public Speaker, will be holding a community wide event at Nusach Hari B'nai Zion on Tuesday evening, November 12:  
**5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.:** Private Meet & Greet with Neil Lazarus, \$18.00 per person; RSVPs required by Friday, November 8, 2013 – Please call 314-991-2100, ext. 2. Light Refreshments will be served.  
**6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.:** Neil Lazarus presents: “The Portrayal of Israel in the Media: Fair and Balanced?” FREE and open to the public. Q & A to follow presentation.
- **Semi-Annual Shul Meeting & Election of Officers** will be held on Sunday, November 17<sup>TH</sup>, 11:00 a.m. Each year, one-third of the 15-member Board rotates off, and 5 new or returning members are elected. Everyone is welcome to participate. Please attend and vote!!!
- **108<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Banquet** ~ We are proud to present our Honoree for 2013 ~ our own **Dr. Ethan Schuman**. Dr. Schuman has served as our chazzan since 2002. He is noted for his community work, right here in St. Louis – most recently pioneering the first on-line Shechita course for men in St. Louis to learn the halachos, customs, and art of the ritual slaughter of animals for kosher consumption, and his creation and regular leadership of the NHBZ Yiddish Club. His many projects around the world include Matzah baking in Tunisia, Uganda and Kenya; davening for congregations in Nairobi, Bucharest and Cuba; Shechita in Kenya, Cuba and Uganda; speaking and learning with communities in Torino, Italy; Bris Milah for the communities of Riga, Metamoros Mexico. It is with great pleasure that we give well-deserved *kovod* (honor) to Dr. Schuman on Sunday, December 15, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Clayton. Ad Journal order forms are in the mail!!! Please respond generously with your business ads, personal greetings & messages to our honoree.

## Meetings

- **No Sisterhood meeting in October**
- **Executive Committee Meeting** ~ This Tuesday, October 22 (The 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)
- **Religious Committee Meeting** ~ Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.
- **Board of Directors Meeting** ~ Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> (The 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday)
- **Sisterhood Luncheon** ~ Next meeting – Tuesday, November 12 (The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday)
- **Semi Annual Shul Meeting & Election of Officers** ~ Sunday, November 17, 11:00 a.m.

## Reminders

- **CHANUKAH IS COMING!!! Buy and Use Cash Cards** – call the office ASAP to order your cards and **earn free money** for NHBZ! Chanukah is only 6 weeks away. What are you buying for your family and friends?!!!
- **CHANUKAH CANDLES!!!** Please help support the very important work of our Chesed Committee by purchasing Chanukah Candles. The candles are available to be picked up in the Shul office. Your generous contribution of \$5 or more will go directly to the Chesed Fund.”
- **Schnucks E-Scrip Card** - Use your Schnucks Card *every time you shop!* Make it count!!!
- **Sponsorships** - If you would like to sponsor Kiddush, Soda, Shalosh Seudos, this Bulletin, or something unique in honor or in memory of a loved one, please call 314-991-2100, extension 2, to make arrangements.
- **Tributes** - Show your friends you care; a tribute is a donation in honor of a birth, a birthday, an anniversary, a healthy recovery, or in memory of a loved one, or for any reason to show you care; tributes will be listed in this bulletin monthly. For Shul Tributes call Gloria Waxman, 314-872-3296; for Sisterhood call Phyllis Silverman, 314-434-2482; for Libby Needle Fund call Sally Needle, 314-991-2575.
- **Buy a Brick Online or by Phone** - Our website now accepts online donations for the Brick and Planting Campaign; go to <http://www.nhbz.org/dedications.asp> or call the office at 314-991-2100.
- **Synagogue Honors** - It is customary to make a donation to the shul for Aliyos or other honors received.

- ***Mi Shebarach List*** ~ Prayers will be said for a Refuah Shelayma for your loved ones and friends. Please call the office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2, by 10:00 a.m. Friday mornings so we can include the names on our Mi Shebarach list for Shabbos. We need the names of the person who is ill AND his/her mother's name in Hebrew, or 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 yahrtzeits of your dear family members.**
- ***Memorial Plaques*** ~ Memorial plaques from our former location are lovingly mounted in our new building. Remember your loved ones with a plaque; prices range from \$150 to \$275. Call the office for details.
- ***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.***

## **Simchas, NEWS & FEATURES**

- **MAZEL TOV ON SIMCHAS** October 19-25. **Happy Birthday to Norma Appelman, Murray Baker, Ruth Katz, and Jeff Scheer! Happy Anniversary ~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.
- **Hebrew Class Series at NHBZ** ~ Rabbi Max Weiman will teach a Hebrew Class Series at NHBZ on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am, beginning November 12<sup>th</sup>. This will be a 6 to 8 week course, with the cost of \$75 to each participant. RSVP ~ call our office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2.
- **Kashrus Alert** ~ From the Kof-K: Xochitl Brand Salt and Vinegar Papitas have been inadvertently labeled Kof-K Pareve. These products are in fact Kof-K Dairy. Corrective action is being taken by the manufacturer.
- **Rabbi Smason** will be away for Shabbos, November 9. He will be in Austin, Texas from Wednesday to Sunday for a Children's Advocacy Conference, at which he will be one of the presenters. Rabbi Shlomo Soroka, of the St. Louis Kollel, will be with us on that Shabbos morning, and will deliver the drasha.
- **Adult Bar & Bas Mitzvos** ~ Classes continue on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.
- **BECOME ENERGIZED!!! Sponsor Your Own Solar Panel!!!** Lock in the 2014 price of just \$216 for a full year. Introductory Offer ~ For the remainder of 2013, your cost will be pro-rated to only \$108 through the end of December. 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 wording!
- **Tomchei Shabbos!!** Families need extra assistance with non-perishable food. Please pick up a bag available at NHBZ in the office, and fill it with your choices of non-perishable food items. Money donations are always welcome! For more details, or to arrange pick ups at your home, please call Sally Needle at 991-2575.

*Beyond Twelve Gates*  
*Parshas Vayeira*

*by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason*  
*October 18, 2013*

*Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates*

Six months ago, 55-year-old Billy Ray Harris was homeless. He lived on a street corner in Kansas City, holding out a cup and asking passers-by for spare change. But then one day, his life changed. In February, Sarah Darling passed Billy Ray at his usual spot and dropped some change into his cup. But, unbeknownst to Sarah, she also accidentally dropped in her engagement ring. Though Billy Ray considered selling the ring -- he got it appraised for \$4,000 -- he ultimately couldn't go through with it, and the next day he returned the ring to Sarah.

Today, six months after returning a stranger's ring, Billy Ray Harris is no longer homeless. As a way to say thank you, Sarah Darling and her husband started a fund to help Billy Ray get his life back on track. "We set a goal for a thousand dollars," Sarah said. But the fund raised far more than any of them expected -- in just three months, people donated more than \$190,000. Sarah and her husband have formed a lifelong friendship with Billy Ray. A lawyer set up a trust for the money; since then, Billy Ray has been able to buy a car and even a house, which he's fixing up himself. And that's not all: After Billy Ray appeared on TV, his family members, who had been unable to find him for 16 years and had heard rumors he was dead, were able to track him down. They were happily reunited and Billy Ray now keeps in touch with his relatives, including nieces and nephews he hadn't even known existed. "When I think of the past, I think, thank G-d that it's over. I mean, I feel human now."

*Quid pro quo* is a Latin term meaning 'something for something' or 'this for that'. The idea is more commonly expressed in English as 'one good turn deserves another'. King Solomon expressed this in a slightly different fashion: "Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days." (Ecclesiastes 11:1)

A kind word or good deed never goes unnoticed by the Almighty. Sooner or later -- in Billy Ray Harris' case, sooner -- a kindness we do for others returns to our own door.

*Parshas Vayeira Genesis 18:1 -- 21:24*

The parsha begins with Abraham's incredible display of *chesed* (kindness) to three angels who appear as men. This, despite extreme discomfort from his recent *bris milah* (circumcision). The angels declare that Sarah will give birth to her first child at the age of 90 when Abraham would be 100. Later, Abraham pleads to G-d on behalf of the cities of Sodom and Gemorrah. However, the cities are soon destroyed, but not before the angels save Abraham's nephew Lot and his family from destruction.

Later, the parsha describes how Sarah is abducted by Avimelech, the king of Gerar, who did not realize she was married. G-d responds by striking him with a plague which prevents him from touching her. Sarah conceives and gives birth to Isaac, and Abraham makes a huge celebration. Sarah sees Ishmael (Abraham's son from Hagar) as a menace to her own son's spiritual well-being and asks Abraham to expel Ishmael and Hagar. The Torah portion concludes with the *akeidah*, Abraham's tenth and final test, in which he shows his willingness to comply with G-d's command to bring his beloved son Isaac as an offering.

*Rabbinic Ruminations*

At some point in our lives most of us have shouted 'hello' into a cave or canyon, and then delighted in receiving an echoed 'hello' in return. Echoes are used by bats and other animals to avoid obstacles and identify food. This is called 'echolocation.' The internal radar system of bats -- many of which are blind -- emits high-pitched sounds that are sent out at a rate of 200 per second; the harmonic composition, call duration and pulse interval of the emitted sounds vary according to conditions. These sounds then hit the objects in front of the bat and then bounce back. The bat's brain, with supersonic speed, is able to analyze the returned high-pitched sounds and can tell exactly where and what that object is. All in about half a second!

The development of a sophisticated echolocation system in one species would be extremely difficult to attribute to naturalistic explanations. However, we find many Toothed whales (including dolphins, porpoises, killer and sperm

whales) also have the same type of system and whales are completely unrelated to bats. And believe it or not, there are scientists who say that seals, a completely different species from whales, also use echolocation. How did a complex sonar system develop, independently, in three separate species?

All creation, with its complexity and wonder, was designed to inspire and lead us to love G-d. On Thursdays we recite Chapter 81 of Psalms, "*Sing out to the G-d of our strength*," for on this day birds and fish were created to praise G-d's Name. It is not the birds and fish themselves which sing G-d's praises; rather when people observe the birds and fish, they give praise to the One Who created them. Careful contemplation of the sonar system of animals will lead one to proclaim, "Mah Rabu Ma'asecha, HaShem -- G-d, how great are your works!"

### *Quote of the Week*

A house without books is like a room without windows. No man has a right to bring up his children without surrounding them with books, if he has the means to buy them. -- **Horace Mann** (US educator, the first great American advocate of public education, 1796-1859)

### **Joke of the Week**

Morris Schwartz is dying and is on his deathbed. He is with his nurse, his wife, his daughter and two sons, and knows the end is near. So he says to them:

"Bernie, I want you to take the Beverly Hills houses."

"Sybil, take the apartments over in Los Angeles Plaza."

"Hymie, I want you to take the offices over in Century City."

"Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings downtown"

The nurse, listening to the conversations, is astounded. As Morris slips away, she says to the wife, "Mrs. Schwartz, your husband must have been such a hard-working man to have owned all this property!"

Sarah replies, "Owned? My husband had a lawn care business!"

## *Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Congregation* *108<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*

Sunday Evening, December 15, 2013  
*At the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Clayton*

***We are proud to present our Honoree for 2013***  
***Our Own Dr. Ethan Schuman***

***MARK YOUR CALENDAR & SAVE THE DATE!***

***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.***