

# NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

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*Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion*

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**Torah Portion:** Parshas Ki Savo: Deuteronomy 26:1 – 29:8      **Stone Chumash pages 1068-1085**  
**Haftarah:** Isaiah 60:1-22      **Stone Chumash pages 1201-1202**

*Thanks to Joni and Bob Kaiser for sponsoring this Bulletin in honor of their daughter Hannah's recent engagement to Lee Mirowitz. We wish Hannah and Lee a lifetime of love, joy and happiness!*

Thanks to Stella Vladimirov for sponsoring this bulletin in honor of her husband Leonid's birthday!  
 HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO LEONID!!!

## Erev Shabbos - Friday, August 23

- **Mincha & Ma'ariv** (7:00 pm)
- **Candle Lighting** (7:27 pm)

## Shabbos - Saturday, August 24

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am)
  - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
  - Shacharis: **Ariel Fromberg**
  - LeYning: **Max Gornish**
- Thank you for leading services:
  - Haftarah: **Mayer Taller**
  - Drasha (Sermon): **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
  - Musaf: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
- **Kiddush** (After Musaf)
- **Monument Dedication** ~ The Monument Dedication for Charles Waxman, ז"ל, will take place next Sunday, September 1, at 11:00 a.m. at Beth Hamedrosh Hagadol Cemetery.
- **Mincha, Shalosh Seudos, Ma'ariv** (7:05 pm)
- **Shabbos Concludes** (8:28 pm)
- **Invitation to Everyone** ~ We are excited to announce the engagement of Hannah Kaiser, daughter of Joni and Bob Kaiser, to Lee Mirowitz, son of Maxine and Steve (Dever) Mirowitz. A *Vort* for the couple will be held at the Mirowitz home, 20 Westwood Country Club (63131), tonight between 9 and 11. All are invited to attend!



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

<b>This Week At a Glance</b>	<b>Shabbos August 24</b>	<b>Sunday August 25</b>	<b>Monday Aug. 26</b>	<b>Tuesday Aug. 27</b>	<b>Wed. Aug. 28</b>	<b>Thurs. Aug. 29</b>	<b>Friday Aug. 30</b>	<b>Shabbos August 31</b>
<b>Shachris</b>	9:00 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>	7:05 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>	<b>Good Shabbos To Everyone</b>	<b>Pizza Buffet &amp; Carry Outs Tonight!</b>	<b>ORDER YOUR ESROG &amp; LULAV!</b>	<b>Challa Class</b> tonight, Aug. 27, 7:30 pm	<b>Weekly Lunch &amp; Learn, with Rabbi Smason, 12:15pm</b>	<b>ORDER CASH CARDS!</b>	<b>* Erev Shabbos</b>	<b>Selichos 12:30 am Sept. 1st</b>

## **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

#### **WEDNESDAY**

- Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn (12:15 pm – 1:00 pm) now studying Pirkei Avos

#### **THURSDAY**

- Women's Tefila Class (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 7:00 pm with Rabbi Smason. Classes Resume on October 10 at the home of Norma Rubin

#### **Monthly at NHBZ**

- Irvin Alper Social Club (First Sunday) **\*\*\*(No Sisterhood or Social Club meetings in September)**
- Women's Home Study Group (First Tuesday, 2:30 pm) with Rabbi Shaya Mintz, of the St. Louis Kollel at home of Jackie Berkin **(no study groups in August & September)**
- Morris Lenga Yiddish Club (First Thursday, 7:30 pm) **(No Yiddish Club in September)**
- 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) **\*\*\*(No Sisterhood or Social Club meetings in September)**

#### **NHBZ Signature Events**

- Synaplex Shabbos
- Shabbos Lunch & Learn

## **COMING EVENTS**

- **Lion's Den Pizza Night** ~ Our regular "Last Sunday" All-You-Can-Eat Pizza Buffet, TOMORROW EVENING - Sunday, August 25. Please place carry out orders by Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. 314-991-2100, ext. 2.
- **Challah Baking Class** ~ Learn new recipes and different ways to braid your challah from **Mindy Woolf!!!** This coming Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. at NHBZ. **\$10.00 per person for the class.** Learn customs and rituals of challah making from **Rebbetzin Chani Smason**, plus take your dough home to make 2 challahs! This will be open to the community, so tell your friends. Call to register, 314-991-2100, ext. 5.
- **Selichos** ~ (12:30 am Saturday night/Sunday morning, Aug. 31/Sept. 1) Led by our chazan, Dr. Ethan Schuman.
- **Rosh Hashana** ~ Wednesday evening, Thursday & Friday, September 4, 5 & 6.
- **Tzom Gedaliah** ~ The Fast of Gedaliah, Sunday, September 8. ~ commemorates the assassination of Gedaliah, the governor of Judah, which ended Jewish rule following the destruction of the First Temple.
- **Kol Nidre ~ Erev Yom Kippur** ~ Friday evening, September 13
- **Yom Kippur** ~ Shabbos, September 14
- **Bi-Monthly Women's Tefila Class.** Led by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**, the class meets on the 2nd and 4th **Thursdays** of the month, at 7:00 p.m. Classes will resume on October 10, at the home of Norma Rubin. 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.
- **Next Synaplex** ~ Shabbos, October 19.

## Meetings

- **Board of Directors & Executive Committee Combo Meeting** ~ Tuesday, September 10.  
Minyan at 6:55 p.m., Meeting at 7:25 p.m.
- **Irvin Alper Social Club** ~ Next get-together – Sunday, October 6
- **Sisterhood Luncheon** ~ Next meeting – Tuesday, October 15
- No Sisterhood or Social Club meetings in September

## GET READY FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS!

- **YES!!! It's time to place Lulav and Esrog orders!!!** Just ONE week until the ordering deadline. So please **MAKE THE CALL** ~ or email your order to [sandieabrams@hotmail.com](mailto:sandieabrams@hotmail.com). Prices are the same as last year: \$45, \$55, \$65, and \$80. Our Lulavim and Esrogim will be delivered to our shul the day after Yom Kippur (September 15), tied in their holders. If anyone's Arovos (Willows) go bad, we will be provided with replacements on the Sunday of Chol Hamoed Sukkos (Sept. 22), free of charge. Please mark your calendars for Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> -- the deadline to place your orders; call the office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2. **Our goal was to get so many orders that we wouldn't have room to list them all in the bulletin!!! And, we did it. So far, we have 21 sets ordered! Time to add YOUR NAME to the list.**
- **HIGH HOLIDAY SEATING** ~ New members, who have joined since the last Holidays, have been given reserved seats. Members from last year and before will have the same seats as last year. We have a chart in the office, so if you want to see where your seat is, or would like to move your reserved seat, please come in to see where we have space available.

## Reminders

- **Buy and Use Cash Cards** – call the office ASAP to order your cards and **earn free money** for NHBZ!
- **Schnucks E-Scrip Card** - Use your Schnucks Card *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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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 SIMCHAŞ** August 24-30. **Happy Birthday to Marshall Brockman, Byron Brownstein, David Goodman, Daniel Şhanker, Dodi Smason, and Jonathan Yasinev! Happy Anniversary to Robert & Rise Schnurman!** 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.
- **Adult Bar & Bas Mitzvos** ~ Whether for the first time or your second time around, here's your chance to celebrate with family and friends!! A ten-week course that will provide you with the knowledge, skills and experience that a Bar or Bas Mitzvah is really all about. Members: \$99; Non-members: \$125. Reservations are a MUST! Please call 314-991-2100, ext. 2.
- **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! **Thanks to Jeff & Terri Schnitzer for becoming our very first Solar Panel Sponsors!!! And, to Marvin & Jackie Gitel for becoming our SECOND sponsors!!!**
- **Mashgiach/Kitchen-Helper Classes** ~ Rabbi Smason will be offering classes for those interested in being a mashgiach and for kitchen helpers in the NHBZ kitchens, and for NHBZ food events. The next classes, dates to be announced after the High Holidays, will be on inspecting and washing fresh fruits and vegetables.
- **Special Gifts Campaign ~ It's Never Too Late to HELP YOUR SHUL!!!** Your Special Gifts support the many programs you have come to expect and enjoy, including learning, children's programming, and so much more. You have the choice of donating your pledge in full or installments, whichever is most comfortable for you. Thanks to all of you who have sent or pledged your Special Gifts! *If you haven't made a pledge yet, it's never too late! Your shul needs your help. Please give generously!!! Many Thanks to Nanette Holtzman for the Special Gift she sent to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion!!!*
- **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! **CHAGIM FOOD DROP-OFF:** Please help our families prepare for the Chagim with non-perishable food items! Please drop off bags in the parking lot just west of Merle Hartstein's home (8115 Delmar) on Sunday morning, Sept. 1, anytime from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Chesterfield drop-off is at the home of Janice Mankowitz, 186 Stablestone Dr. If you need items for the chagim picked up at your home, please call Merle at 725-1192, or Jackie Oppenheimer at 997-6924. AND, Please Save This Date --- The Tomchai Shabbos annual event will be held Sunday, Oct. 13th!! New project kickoff will be announced! Details will follow! For more details, or to arrange other pick ups at your home, please call Sally Needle at 991-2575.
- **The St. Louis Jewish Light Celebrates Half Century** ~ "The *Light's* history is the local Jewish community's history," says Myrna Meyer, Light Trustee. "If it has been important to Jewish St. Louisans, then it's been in the *Light.*" A community-wide event, the Golden Light Gala, is slated for the evening of October 6 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. Meyer, the event chair, says that the evening will be filled with fun and exciting samples of the last half-century's news. Contact the *Light* at 314-743-3660 for more information about attending the event.

*Beyond Twelve Gates by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason*  
*Parshas Ki Savo August 24, 2013*

*Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates*

A northern Arizona family decided to leave the U.S. over what they considered government interference in religion. So, Sean and Hannah Gastonguay "decided to take a leap of faith and see where G-d led us", and took their two small children and set sail for the tiny island nation of Kiribati in May. The family moved in November from Arizona to San Diego, where they lived on their boat as they prepared to set sail. Hannah, 26, gave birth to the couple's 8-month-old girl on the boat, which was docked in a slip at the time. In May, Hannah, her 30-year-old husband Sean, his father Mike, and the couple's daughters, 3-year-old Ardith and baby Rahab set off. They wouldn't touch land again for 91 days.

Just weeks into their journey, the Gastonguays hit a series of storms that damaged their small boat, leaving them adrift for weeks, unable to make progress. Hannah said, "(at first) we were cruising." But within a couple of weeks "when we came out there, storm, storm, storm." They had been on the ocean for about two months, out of food and down to "some juice and some honey." She said they were able to catch fish, but they didn't see any boats. Eventually, their boat was spotted by a helicopter that had taken off from a nearby Venezuelan fishing vessel, which ended up saving them. "The captain said, 'Do you know where you're at? You're in the middle of nowhere.'" The family was eventually picked up by a Venezuelan fishing vessel, transferred to a Japanese cargo ship and taken to Chile, and then returned to the U.S. Hannah Gastonguay said the family will now "go back to Arizona" and "come up with a new plan."

Meaningful change requires a well-conceived plan. Common detours on the road to Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur are grandiose, poorly thought-out resolutions and commitments. Leaps of faith rarely have happy landings. Changes involving small, measurable steps have great success potential. Come up with a new plan this year -- but look before you leap.

*Parshas Ki Savo Deuteronomy 26:1 -- 29:8*

The parsha begins by describing the annual mitzvah for farmers in Israel to bring their *bikurim*, or first fruits, to the Kohen in the Temple. The donor was then to recite a prayer of thanksgiving, recalling how G-d had delivered his ancestors from Egypt and brought the new generation into a land flowing with milk and honey.

Moses then teaches two special mitzvos, which the Jewish people are to perform upon entering the land of Israel. First, they are to inscribe the entire Torah on twelve large stones. Second, the twelve tribes are to ratify their acceptance of the Torah in the following manner; six tribes were to stand on Mt. Gerizim, representing the blessings, while the remaining six tribes were to stand on Mt. Eival, signifying the curses. The Levites were to stand in the valley between, reciting blessings and curses which will apply respectively to those who observe and defy the Torah.

The parsha concludes with a recounting of the wonderful blessings G-d will bestow upon the Jewish people for remaining faithful, and a chilling prophecy of what might happen if the Jewish people do not follow the Torah.

*Rabbinical Ruminations*

Ask Kanzi a question -- and you just might get an answer. Kanzi is a male bonobo (similar to a chimpanzee) who has been featured in several studies on great ape language and has exhibited advanced linguistic aptitude. As an infant Kanzi accompanied his mother Matata to sessions where Matata was taught language through keyboard lexigrams (figures or symbols representing words).

It was a great surprise to researchers when one day while Matata was away, Kanzi began competently using the lexigrams, becoming not only the first observed ape to have learned aspects of language naturalistically rather than through direct training, but also the first observed bonobo to appear to use some elements of language at

all. Kanzi has since learned more than two hundred words, and when he hears a spoken word (through headphones, to filter out nonverbal clues), he points to the correct lexigram.

Other enculturated apes have undergone extensive language training programs (with the use of gestures and other visual forms of communications) and successfully learned to answer quite complex questions and requests (including question words "who" what", "where"). However, thus far no ape has successfully learned how to *ask questions themselves*. Researchers David and Anne Premack (authors of the 1983 book *The Mind of the Ape*) wrote: "Though (the ape) understood the question, she did not herself ask any questions — unlike the child who asks interminable questions, such as What that? Who making noise? When Daddy come home? Me go Granny's house? Where puppy? (She) never delayed the departure of her trainer after her lessons by asking where the trainer was going, when she was returning, or anything else." It is suggested that the ability to ask questions is the central cognitive element that distinguishes human and animal cognitive abilities.

Ethics of the Fathers teaches, "*Who is wise? He who learns from all people.*" The message is that one who seeks wisdom wherever it may be found is the one most likely to acquire it. He is willing to ask anyone and everyone. His thirst will take him to every person and every place; it will not be quenched until he has drunk his fill. Such a person may be considered wise even before he has studied, since his desire will soon lead him on the direct path towards scholarship. Questions are powerful -- and very human -- tools for learning.

### *Quote of the Week*

Most of the luxuries and many of the so-called comforts of life are not only not indispensable, but positive hindrances to the elevation of mankind -- **Henry David Thoreau**

### **Joke of the Week**

"Two Jews, each with a parrot on his shoulder, are in front of a synagogue," Yankel Ginsburg begins to tell his friend Irv Schwartz, when the latter interrupts.

"Yankel, old pal, all your jokes are always about Jews. Don't you have any other jokes?"

Ginsburg replies that of course he does, and begins again: "Two samurai meet on a dark night on the outskirts of Tokyo. The next day is Yom Kippur . . ."

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

***During the weeks of Rosh Hashana, Sukkos, and Shemini Atzeres/Simchas Torah, the deadline for new information to appear in our Yom Tov/Shabbos Bulletin will be Mondays of those weeks at 12:00 noon. For Rosh Hashana week, the deadline will be Monday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> (I know, it's Labor Day, so get your information in early!); for Sukkos week, the deadline will be Monday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>; and for the week of Shemini Atzeres/Simchas Torah, the deadline will be Monday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>.***

***The bulletins during the High Holidays will be printed first thing Tuesday mornings.***