

# NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

June 1, 2013

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Torah Portion – Parshas Shelach:  
Haftorah:

Numbers 13:1 – 15:41  
Joshua 2:1-24

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## Erev Shabbos - Friday, May 31

- **Mincha & Ma'ariv** (7:00 pm)
- **Candle Lighting** (8:01 pm)

## Shabbos - Saturday, June 1

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:
  - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
  - Shacharis: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
  - Leyning: **Aryeh Needle**
  - Haftorah: **Sid Silverman**
  - Sermon: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
  - Musaf: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
- **Kiddush & Lunch** ~ (After Musaf) Thanks and Mazel Tov to *All the Parents and Grandparents of our Graduates: Dr. Erol & Sally Amon, Sam & Shirley Bluestein, Helen Bolt, Jerry & Fran Cohen, Denny & Amy Feit, Ted & Rachael Pevnick, Irwin & Roz Rosen, Rabbi Ze'ev & Chani Smason, Menachem & Linda Szus, Victor & Anna Rose Tandler, and Leonid & Stella Vladimirov* for participating in sponsoring Kiddush & Lunch today!!! Special thanks to our *"Super Sponsors"* -- **Ruth Alper, Leo Bressler, Susan Feigenbaum & Jay Pepose, Larry & Shirley Hollander, and Bob & Joni Kaiser** for their super-sized contributions for the many extras for Lunch!!! **MAZEL TOV TO ALL THE GRADUATES!!!**
- **Bon Appetit** ~ We place a plate of rolls on each table at every Shabbos Luncheon: **1.)** To enable each person to make or hear *Ha'Motzei* (the blessing on bread) over *Lechem Mishne* (two rolls or loaves of bread), **and 2.)** To enable each person to eat the minimum amount required when *Ha'Motzei* is made or heard; namely, one roll. **Please be seated while Rabbi Smason says Kiddush and makes HaMotzi.** Thanks to **Linda Szus & Anna Rose Tandler** for baking the delicious rolls -- **B'tayavon (Bon Appetit)!**
- **Mincha, Shalosh Seudos, Ma'ariv** (7:45 pm)
- **Shabbos Concludes** (9:04 pm)



## Special Gifts Campaign

~ Our 2013 Special Gifts Campaign is in full swing! A "Special Gift" is a contribution apart from Membership Dues, Yahrzeits, Aliyos, Mi Shebarachs, or other "regular" categories. Your Special Gifts support our 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 all at once or in installments, whatever is most comfortable for you. Everyone who gives a Special Gift of \$250 or more will be invited to our "Special Gifts Appreciation Event" on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks to so many of you who have already sent or pledged your generous Special Gifts! If we left a voice mail message for you during our Phone-a-Thon last week, please consider giving a Special Gift and call our office with your pledge. We ask you to please give generously.

## COMING EVENTS

- **Tomorrow, June 2** ~ Family Picnic & BBQ! Next door at Zeid Park, 4:00-6:30 p.m. Hot Dogs @ \$5.00, Hamburgers @ \$6.00 - both include Sides & Dessert. Beverages @ \$1.00. Come have some fun with us!!!!

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

| <b>This Week<br/>At a Glance</b>                       | Shabbos<br>June 1  | Sun.<br>June 2   | Mon.<br>June 3  | Tues.<br>June 4  | Wed.<br>June 5                              | Thurs.<br>June 6 | Fri.<br>June 7 | Shabbos<br>June 8   |
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| Shachris   | 9:00 am  | 8:00 am  | 8:00 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        | 7:50 pm   |
| <b>Events – see<br/>times in Event<br/>Planner Box</b> | Lunch in honor of Graduates sponsored by their families! | Family Picnic & BBQ at Zeid Park, 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. Right next door to NHBZ! | RSVP for the Jewish Unity Live, honoring Bob Kaiser & Eldad Bialecki! | Invite a friend to our next Synaplex & Lunch on June 15! | Rabbi Smason: Weekly Lunch & Learn, 12:15pm | BUY CASH CARDS   | Erev Shabbos   | Kiddush & Lunch in honor of Nathan Brook and Carly Eisenberg & her Choson, Jordan Black |

**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.

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| <p><b><u>Weekly at NHBZ</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SHABBOS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Child Care (10:00 am – Noon) kids 3 &amp; under in the Children’s Room</li> <li>- Youth Programming (10:15 am – 11:00 am) children 4-8, in the Youth Lounge.</li> <li>- Learners Service (10:15 am) led by Rabbi Ze’ev Smason in the Chapel</li> <li>- Shabbos Tanach (Bible) Study Group (45 minutes before Mincha)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SUNDAY</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mishna Learning (after Shachris) with Rabbi Chanan Swidler of Aish</li> <li>- RAP with the RABBI Teen Group (10:15 am) with Rabbi Smason @Starbucks Olive &amp; Price</li> <li>- Mystical Moments with Rabbi Max Weiman (between Mincha &amp; Maariv.)</li> <li>- Tanya (8:00 pm) with Rabbi Shaya Mintz of the St. Louis Kollel</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MONDAY</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Women’s Tefila Class (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 7:00 pm) with Rabbi Smason at the home of Norma Rubin</li> </ul> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rabbi Smason's Lunch &amp; Learn (12:15 pm – 1:00 pm) now studying Pirkei Avos</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Monthly at NHBZ</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Irvin Alper Social Club (First Sunday)</li> <li>- Women's Home Study Group (First Tuesday, 2:30 pm) with Rabbi Shaya Mintz, of the St. Louis Kollel at home of Jackie Berkin</li> <li>- Shabbos Parsha Class (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 12:30-1:30 pm) with Rabbi Smason, for men &amp; women, at the offices of David Rubin</li> <li>- Morris Lenga Yiddish Club (First Thursday, 7:30 pm)</li> <li>- Dine-In Pizza Night (Last Sunday 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm)</li> <li>- Carry-Out Pizza Night (Wednesday mid-month; will resume ASAP!)</li> <li>- Sisterhood (Third Tuesday)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NHBZ Signature Events</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Synaplex Shabbos</li> <li>- Shabbos Lunch &amp; Learn</li> <li>- I-Chat</li> </ul> |
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## COMING EVENTS

- **Bi-Monthly Women's Tefila Class.** Led by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason, the class will meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Norma Rubin. Next class: Monday, June 10. 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!

- **Community lecture** by Rabbi Yona Reiss, former Dean of RIETS and soon-to-be installed Av Beth Din of the Chicago Rabbinical Council, on Wednesday, June 5 at 7:30 pm at Young Israel. Title: "Rabbinic Authority vs. Personal Autonomy: Finding the Balance"
- **Kiddush & Lunch** ~ Next Shabbos, June 8 ~ sponsored in honor of **Nathan Brook** becoming a Bar Mitzvah by **Selwyn and Freda Brook**, his grandparents, and by **Don & Julie Eisenberg** in honor of the forthcoming marriage of their daughter **Carly to Jordan Black**. Shalosh Seudos will be sponsored by **Sarah Klein** in memory of her beloved mother, Mati Griner, *l"v*
- **To be Honored!! Our Own Bob Kaiser & Dr. Eldad Bialecki** ~ The St. Louis Kollel is presenting Jewish Unity Live 2013 on Sunday June 9th, 7:30 pm at Third Degree Glass Factory. Come and support the St. Louis Kollel and see our own **Bob Kaiser** receive the *Torah Champion Award*, and **Dr. Eldad Bialecki** receive the *Ohev Torah Award*. For more information, please contact Linda Markowitz, 314-726-6047. Oh, yes, there will be wine tasting courtesy of Royal Wines, and Texas Grill appetizers prepared by Jon Rubin.
- **Synaplex Shabbos ~ June 15.** Regular Services begin at 8:30 a.m., Learners' Services at 10:00 a.m., Synaplex classes at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:00 noon. "*Lessons Learned from 30 Years in Outreach*" led by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**; "*Why Outreach: Mitzvah or Marketing?*" led by **Rabbi Shmuel Greenwald**, of Aish St. Louis; "*Closing the Religion Gap: Reaching Out to Your Own Family.*" led by **Dr. J. Martin Rochester**, Curators' Distinguished Teaching Professor of Political Science, University of Missouri-St. Louis; *Youth Programming*: For kids 4 and over; and *Tot Shabbat*. Reservations not needed – just come and join us – **Learn, Lunch and Lots of Fun!!!**
- **Special Gifts Appreciation Dinner ~ Sunday, June 23.** For all donors contributing a Special Gift of \$250 and more! Please make your pledge by June 14 to be honored on this very special evening!
- **Please join us for a class series with Rabbi Smason**, for men & women, at The Law Offices of David A. Rubin, L.L.C. – NEAR THE "J" – 10880 Baur Blvd., 63132. Now meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Next class: Tuesday, June 25: Balak: Bilaam; a Non-Jewish Prophet?
- **Dedication Shabbos & Lunch ~ Shabbos, June 29.** Please join us as we dedicate the Commemorative Plaques that honor and memorialize the Loved Ones of donors who made significant contributions to formally name various rooms, areas and objects in our beautiful new building. Thanks to Fabian and Francine Attoun for adding to the lunch menu in honor of their family!
- **All You Can Eat Pizza Buffet and Carry Out Night** ~ Sunday, June 30, 5:00-7:00 pm.

### Meetings

- **Board of Directors Meeting** ~ Tuesday, June 11.
- **Sisterhood Luncheon** ~ Tuesday, June 18.
- **Executive Committee Meeting** ~ Wednesday, June 26. (Tuesday, June 25 is the Fast of Tammuz.)

### 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*, and 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 synagogue for an Aliyah or other synagogue 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** ~ All 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** June 1-7. **Happy Birthday to Ann Lenga and Ed Lyss! Happy Anniversary to Don & Julie Eisenberg, Leonid & Polina Golynski, Bob & Joni Kaiser, and Sid & Phyllis Silverman!** 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.
- **Help Nathan Brook with his Mitzvah Project!!!** **Nathan Brook** is becoming a Bar Mitzvah, and is asking for your help with his Mitzvah Project. He is collecting **old** towels to donate to *Stray Rescue of St. Louis*. Nathan and his family adopted their dog GiGi last September from Stray Rescue. Through this coming week, please bring your old towels to our NHBZ Lower Level and place them in the plastic bin marked *Stray Rescue* just outside the office. ***Nathan thanks you very much for helping him toward the success of his Mitzvah Project!***
- **Tomchei Shabbos~** The food drive continues! Please pick up a bag to fill with non-perishable food items available at NHBZ in the office or chapel. Money donations are always welcome! For more details, or to arrange a pick up at your home, please call **Sally Needle** at 991-2575.
- **URGENT KASHRUS ALERT:** The following alert was sent by the COR of Toronto, Canada: *"Please be advised that Trader Joe's Goat's Milk Cheddar Cheese bears an unauthorized COR. The COR takes no responsibility as to the kashrus of this product. Corrective measures have been taken."* Please direct all questions and comments directly to the COR at (416) 635-9550 or [questions@cor.ca](mailto:questions@cor.ca) Note: This product is only distributed through Trader Joe's in the USA

**Irvin Alper Social Club Alert!**  
**Let's go to the Family Picnic & BBQ!!!!**  
**Tomorrow, June 2, 4:00 p.m. at Zeid Park**  
**Right next door to NHBZ.**  
**After dinner we will get together at the Shul to play cards,**  
**watch a movie or just shmooz!!!**  
**SEE YOU AT THE PARK!!!**

***Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates***

How would you act if your net worth was in *the billions*? Would it change who you are? Would you be able to live a relatively normal life? David Cheriton, a Stanford professor who has an estimated net worth of \$1.3 billion from Google shares and other investments, hates the idea of living like a billionaire. "I'm actually quite offended by that sort of thing," he said in a 2006 interview. "These people who build houses with 13 bathrooms and so on, there's something wrong with them." Cheriton called himself "spoiled" for taking a windsurfing vacation in Hawaii, and in a recent Forbes profile said that his biggest recent splurge was his 2012 Honda Odyssey.

Chuck Feeney's net worth is currently \$2 million -- but the co-founder of Duty Free Shoppers has donated more than \$4 billion to disadvantaged children and public health initiatives, all while going to great lengths to remain anonymous. Feeney is a Depression-era veteran with a strict personal motto: "I try to live a normal life, the way I grew up. I set out to work hard, not get rich." According to his biographer, "He (Feeney) has no ego . . . He always chooses the second-cheapest wine from the wine list. When we traveled together he was always dressed like a down-at-heel American tourist."

The Torah informs us that Moses was more humble than anyone on the face of the earth. True humility leads to modesty, with a life of joy and peace that soon follows. Modesty frees you from the need to appear to others to be more than you really are, enabling you to enjoy life. Your main focus will not to be liked and respected by others, but a byproduct of your appropriate humility and modesty. What does G-d require of us? "...to act justly, love true loyalty, and to walk humbly with your G-d." (Micah 6:8)

***Parshas Shelach Numbers 13:1 - 15:41***

Moses is pressed by the Jewish people to send twelve spies to the Land of Canaan (later to be called the Land of Israel). Forty days later they return carrying a gigantic cluster of grapes and two other large fruits. Ten of the spies warn that the inhabitants of the land are enormous in size and that the land 'consumes its inhabitants'. They convince the people that the land can't be conquered. Caleb and Joshua retain their faith in G-d, insisting that the Jewish people can, indeed, conquer the land.

The people weep and proclaim that they'd rather return to Egypt. This tenth expression of a profound lack of faith in G-d prompts a Divine decree that entry into the Land should be delayed forty years. This decree was made on the ninth of the Hebrew month of Av -- known as Tisha B'Av. Numerous other tragedies occurred on Tisha B'Av, including the destruction of the first and second Temples and the expulsion of Spanish Jewry in 1492.

Parshas Shelach concludes with the command to place fringes (tzitzis) on the corners of a four-cornered garment. Tzitzis help us to remember to fulfill all of the Divine commandments. This reminds me of the story of the rabbi who asked his synagogue's Board of Directors if they would supply him with a new talis once every six months. They told him, "We're sorry, Rabbi. We can't afford the fringe benefits."

***Rabbinic Ruminations***

What do John Lennon, Johnny Cash, George Harrison, Led Zeppelin, Madonna, and Black Eyed Peas have in common? Hint: It is NOT that they were or are musicians. Answer: They were all successfully sued or forced to settle charges of musical plagiarism. Most cases of plagiarism are found in academia, where documents are typically essays or reports. Plagiarism can be found in virtually any field, including scientific papers, art designs, and source code. However, proving music plagiarism -- the use or close imitation of another author's music while representing it as one's own original work -- presents special challenges.

To begin with, some incidence of accidental or "unconscious" music plagiarism is possible or even likely. Any music that follows rules of a musical scale (such as the seven-note scale which is the foundation of most contemporary music) is limited by the ability to use a small number of notes. Second, according to U.S. copyright law, musicians who accuse others of stealing their work must prove "access" -- the alleged plagiarizer must have heard the song -- and "similarity" -- the songs must share unique musical components, though it is difficult to define what is "similarity". And finally, copying and not crediting songs and 'recycling lyrics' was common in the

folk music tradition. Support of that attitude remains pervasive today. In 2012, when Bob Dylan was questioned over his alleged music plagiarism he responded, "It's an old thing – it's part of the tradition. It goes way back". In 1998, B.B. King stated on the issue, "I don't think anybody steals anything; all of us borrow." The Torah says, "Distance yourself from any false thing..." (Exodus. 23:7) This passage embraces all manner of dishonesty, including the less-than-obvious. Plagiarism may not seem to be as clearly wrong as stealing a book; however, it is still a "false thing" to use another's words without attribution. Additionally, giving credit where credit is due fulfills the positive dictum of, "One who quotes something in the name of the one who said it brings redemption to the world." (Ethics of the Fathers 6:6) We bring 'redemption' by acting to bring the light of truth into the world.

### *Quote of the Week*

If pain doesn't lead to humility, you have wasted your suffering -- *Katerina Stoykova-Klemer*

## **Joke of the Week**

Two gas company servicemen, a senior training supervisor and a young trainee, were out checking meters in a suburban neighborhood. They parked their truck at the end of the alley and worked their way to the other end. At the last house, a woman looking out her kitchen window watched the two men as they checked her gas meter.

Finishing the meter check, the senior supervisor challenged his younger coworker to a foot race down the alley back to the truck to prove that an older guy could outrun a younger one.

As they came running up to the truck, they realized the lady from that last house was huffing and puffing right behind them. They stopped and asked her what was wrong.

Gasping for breath, she replied, "When I see two men from the gas company running as hard as you two were, I figured I'd better run too!" (from Moshe Pinto)

### ***Top Missouri Public High School IN OUR OWN BACKYARD!***

**Ladue Horton Watkins High School Named *Newsweek's* Top Public High School In Missouri**

When Nusach Hari B'nai Zion was in the planning stages of constructing our beautiful new building, one of the most important of our criteria in choosing the location was to be in an excellent school district that would appeal to parents. The Ladue School District filled that essential standard for us. And now, Ladue High School has been named Number One in Missouri.

Each year Newsweek Magazine ranks "America's Best High Schools." This year, Ladue Horton Watkins High School took the **top spot in Missouri** and placed 166 in the nation. As explained in the article announcing the results, Newsweek's methodology seeks to recognize public high schools that have proven to be the most effective in turning out college-ready grads based on six weighted components: graduation rate (25%), college acceptance rate (25%) Advanced Placement (AP) tests taken per student (25%), average SAT/ACT scores (10%), average AP scores (10%) and percent of students enrolled in at least one AP course (5%).

This year, Newsweek ranked their top 2,000 schools. In Missouri, 23 public schools made the 2013 list. Following are the top 10 Missouri schools accompanied by their national ranking: Ladue (166), Clayton (179), Metro Academic and Classical (238), Lindbergh (334), Lafayette (357), Kirkwood (523), Francis Howell (617), Lincoln College Preparatory Academy (659), Parkway Central (668) and Parkway West (684.)

While public high schools do not offer the Judaic resources of a private Jewish high school, for those parents who choose to send their children to a public high school, Ladue, **our neighborhood high school**, is the **top choice!**