

NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

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Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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Torah Portion – Parshas Beha'aloscha: Numbers 8:1 – 12:16
Haftorah: Zechariah 2:14 – 4:7

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Thanks to Kenny & Barb Bressler for sponsoring this Shabbos Bulletin in celebration of their son Josh's graduation this week from the University of Virginia, which is ranked in the top two business schools in the country. Josh received the Shannon award for being the top student in his McIntire School of Commerce class of 340!

Erev Shabbos - Friday, May 24

- **Mincha & Ma'ariv** (7:00 pm)
- **Candle Lighting** (7:55 pm)

Shabbos - Saturday, May 25

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
 - Shacharis: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
 - Leyning: **Yoni Biel**
 - Haftorah: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
 - Sermon: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
 - Musaf: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
- **Kiddush & Lunch** ~ (After Musaf) Thanks to **Anna Rose & Victor Tandler** for sponsoring Kiddush & Lunch today in honor of their 35th Wedding Anniversary, and in honor of their son **Hershel** on his graduation from McKendree University in Lebanon, Illinois, with a degree in Physical Education. Thanks also to **Sally Needle** for being a **different kind of "POP" Star** this week in honor of **Anna Rose, Victor and Hershel**, and to say Tzayschem L'Sholom to **Avi & Gila Needle and their family** who will be making Aliyah in July. **MAZEL TOV ANNA ROSE & VICTOR!!! MAZEL TOV TO HERSHEL!!!**
- **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 rolls for each luncheon -- **B'tayavon (Bon Appetit)!**
- **Mincha, Shalosh Seudos, Ma'ariv** (7:40 pm)
- **Shabbos Concludes** (8:59 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 23rd. 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 this past Sunday during our Phone-a-Thon, please consider giving a Special Gift and call our office with your pledge. We ask you to please give generously.

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!

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This Week At a Glance	Shabbos May 25	Sun. May 26	Mon. May 27	Tues. May 28	Wed. May 29	Thurs. May 30	Fri. May 31	Shabbos June 1
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	7:40 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:45 pm
Events – see times in Event Planner Box	Kiddush & Lunch in honor of Anna Rose & Victor Tendler, and son Hershel	Carry Out Pizza Night and Pizza Buffet 5:00-7:00 pm	Memorial Day Observed!	Family Picnic & BBQ next Sunday June 2	Rabbi Smason: Weekly Lunch & Learn, 12:15pm	BUY CASH CARDS!	Erev Shabbos	Lunch in honor of Graduates & Ted Peynick's 90th birthday!

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.

<p><u>Weekly at NHBZ</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SHABBOS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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) <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SUNDAY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mishna Learning (after Shachris) with Rabbi Chanan Swidler of Aish - RAP with the RABBI Teen Group (10:15 am) with Rabbi Smason @Starbucks Olive & Price - Mystical Moments with Rabbi Max Weiman (between Mincha & Maariv.) - Tanya (8:00 pm) with Rabbi Shaya Mintz of the St. Louis Kollel <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MONDAY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Women's Tefila Class (2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:00 pm) with Rabbi Smason at the home of Norma Rubin 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>WEDNESDAY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn (12:15 pm – 1:00 pm) now studying Pirkei Avos <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Monthly at NHBZ</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 - Shabbos Parsha Class (4th Tuesday, 12:30-1:30 pm) with Rabbi Smason, for men & women, at the offices of David Rubin - Morris Lenga Yiddish Club (First Thursday, 7:30 pm) - Dine-In Pizza Night (Last Sunday 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm) - Carry-Out Pizza Night (Wednesday mid-month; will resume ASAP!) - Sisterhood (Third Tuesday) <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NHBZ Signature Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Synaplex Shabbos - Shabbos Lunch & Learn - I-Chat
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COMING EVENTS

- **All You Can Eat Pizza Buffet and Carry Out Night** ~ Tomorrow - Sunday, May 26, 5:00-7:00 pm.
- **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: This Tuesday, May 28: Be'ha'aloscha: The Priestly Blessings. June 25: Balak: Bilaam; a Non-Jewish Prophet?

COMING EVENTS

- **Shabbos, June 1** ~ Graduation Shabbos sponsored by parents and grandparents (*Please call the office with your graduates!!!*), AND a celebration of the 90th birthday of **Ted Pevnick** by his wife **Rachael**.
- **Sunday, June 2** ~ Family Picnic & BBQ – fun at NHBZ. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Sides & Beverages will be available for purchase.
- **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** ~ Shabbos, June 8 ~ sponsored in honor of **Nathan Brook** becoming a Bar Mitzvah by **Selwyn and Freda Brook**, his grandparents, who live in South Africa, and by **Don & Julie Eisenberg** in honor of the forthcoming marriage of their daughter **Carly to Jordan Black**.
- **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!!!**
- **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.

Meetings

- **Executive Committee Meeting** ~ Tuesday, May 28.
- **Board of Directors Meeting** ~ Tuesday, June 11.

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 a Shul tribute, call Gloria Waxman at 314-872-3296
 - For a Sisterhood tribute, call Phyllis Silverman at 314-434-2482
 - For Libby Needle Fund, call Sally Needle at 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 3rd 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** May 25 to June 1st. **Happy Birthday to June Cohen and Lester Figus! Happy Anniversary to Larry & Carol Abrams, Dr. Susan Feigenbaum & Dr. Jay Pepose, and to Bobby & Sheryl Levine!** 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 next month, and is asking for your help for 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 the end of May, 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.

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!**

Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates

Coat or jacket? Submarine sandwich or hero? Sometimes, where you live can define what words mean. There may be no clearer example of this than whether you say pop, soda, or Coke. In some parts of the country a soda is called a pop (or vice versa), and in other regions all pops (or sodas) were referred to as a Coke, even when it's a Pepsi. Bert Vaux, a linguistics professor at Harvard University, says many Americans are overly passionate about how they refer to the popular beverage family. "For reasons that are unclear to me people feel they have license to attack those who say pop as stupid or illogical," Vaux said. "I use Coke because I grew up in Houston. They're not too fond of that around here. However, it's not as stigmatized as saying pop."

The pop-soda-Coke divide has always created vague, and usually incorrect, assumptions about who says what where. But for the first time, Internet technology -- and a Web site -- offered a definition of the debate's borders. The site, created 13 years ago as a college project, asked visitors to enter their childhood zip code and the soft drink term they use. Their vote was then placed on a map as a colored dot. What emerged is a swath of Coke votes across the South, pop votes in the Midwest and Canada, and soda votes in the Northeast and California, and — curiously — in St. Louis and Milwaukee. Who's won? It was, um, bottle neck and neck. Pop and soda each had about 39% of the vote. Coke had about 15%.

The Talmud says, "An unrefined word should never pass a man's lips, for the Torah (in the story of Noah) goes out of its way and uses eight extra letters to avoid an unpleasant word." And since the Torah is always as concise as possible, the message of the more elaborate phrase is that one's speech should be at all times free of improper expressions. Pop, soda or Coke? It may not matter much. But in many cases, the words we choose make a difference. Strive to be refined in the way you speak.

Parshas Beha'aloscha Numbers 8:1 - 12:16

Beha'aloscha (Hebrew for "when you step up") is thematically diverse, and begins with the daily lighting of the golden menorah in the Mishkan. The Levites are initiated into the Tabernacle service. The Torah then describes the celebration of Passover in the second year in the desert, complete with the bringing of the Korban Pesach (Passover offering). Some men could not bring the offering due to ritual impurity, and were thus commanded to celebrate Pesach Sheni, a 'make-up Passover' a month later. Lesson: second chances are available. Additionally, the standard procedure by which the Jewish people would break camp to travel in the desert is described.

Soon after leaving Mt. Sinai, the people begin to kvetch (to complain and grumble incessantly, as in the title of the classic novel 'Kvetcher in the Rye'). Spurred by the mixed multitude of insincere converts who joined the Jewish people upon leaving Egypt, the complaining is directed toward the manna, their daily miraculous portion of heavenly bread. G-d sends a large flock of quail, which the people gather to eat; those who had complained about the lack of food stuff themselves and die during this supernatural event. The portion concludes with Miriam speaking loshon hara (defamatory words) to Aaron about their brother Moses. She is punished by G-d with tzaraas (a skin condition indicating a spiritual deficiency) and is quarantined outside the camp for seven days.

Rabbinic Ruminations

How big is the smallest fish in the lake? You catch one hundred fish, all of which are greater than eight inches. Does this evidence support the hypothesis that no fish in the lake is much less than eight inches? After we buy a new car, we inexplicably start to see the *same car* virtually everywhere. Did we purchase a wildly popular type of auto? *Selection and Observational Bias* are the effects that limit what reasonable inferences can be drawn from how we collect data or suddenly notice things we didn't notice that much before. If your net can't catch fish smaller than eight inches -- you won't catch the smaller fish that are most likely in the lake! Seeing the same type of car on the road as yours happens because you have selected that auto in your mind, and in turn, notice it more often.

In 1936, the *Literary Digest* conducted a poll to forecast the result of the upcoming presidential election. They

predicted that Alf Landon, the Republican candidate, would win by a large margin. In the actual election, the incumbent Franklin D. Roosevelt won a landslide victory. The *Literary Digest* had harvested the addresses of the people they sent the survey to mainly from telephone books and motor vehicle registries, thereby introducing an important *selection bias*. The poor of the depression era, a group where support for Roosevelt was especially strong, often did not have a phone or a car. A common *observational bias* happens to pregnant women who suddenly notice a lot of other pregnant women around them.

The human brain is capable of far more processes per second than any computer currently in existence. But that doesn't mean our brains don't have major limitations. John Reader said, "It is remarkable how often the first interpretations of new evidence have confirmed the preconceptions of its discoverers." Every person is subject to cognitive biases, those annoying glitches in our thinking that cause us to make questionable decisions and reach erroneous conclusions. Where can we find objectivity? "The Torah of G-d is perfect," says King David in Psalm 19:8, "restoring the soul; the testimony of G-d is trustworthy, making the simple one wise." Let your compass for truth be the Torah.

Quote of the Week

People seem not to see that their opinion of the world is also a confession of character -- *Emerson*

Joke of the Week

Chaim and Yankel are walking home from shul one Shabbos morning. Suddenly a cab speeds past, and their friend Shmerel is running frantically behind it, flailing his arms wildly.

"Well," said Chaim, "I never imagined our good friend Shmerel was a Shabbos violator! Look at him running for that taxi."

"Wait a minute," Yankel replied. "What about giving him the benefit of the doubt? I'll bet we can think of dozens of excuses for Shmerel's behavior."

"Yeah? Like what?"

"Maybe he's sick and needs to go to the hospital?"

"Come on! He was running 60 miles and hour after that cab -- he's healthier than Arnold Schwarzenberger."

"Maybe someone in his family is sick, and he needs a doctor."

"He *is* a doctor!"

"Well, maybe he forgot that it's Shabbos."

"Of course he knows it's Shabbos. Didn't you see his tie? It was his paisley beige 100% silk Giovani tie from Italy. He never wears it during the week."

"Wow, you're really observant! I didn't even notice he was wearing a tie."

"How could you not notice? Didn't you see how it was caught on the back fender of the taxi?"