

NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

July 14, 2012

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

24 Tammuz, 5772

Torah Portion Pinchas
Haftorah Mattos

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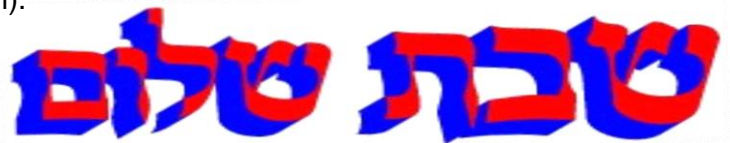
Welcome to Legacy Shabbos

Erev Shabbos - Friday, July 13

- **Mincha & Maariv** (7:00 pm)
- **Candle Lighting** (8:08 pm)

Shabbos - Saturday, July 14


- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
 - Shacharis: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
 - Leyning: **Yisroel Meir Golombeck**
 - Haftorah: **Kenny Bressler**
 - Sermon: **none today**
 - Musaf: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
- **Child Care** (10:00 am – Noon) – for children 3 years old and younger, in the Children's Room downstairs.
- **Youth Programming** (10:15 am – Noon) – for children ages 4-8, in the Youth Lounge on the lower level.
- **Learners Service** (10:15 am) - led by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**, in the Chapel on the lower level.
- **Kiddush & Lunch** (following Musaf) - Lunch is sponsored by **Boris & Alla Yasinev** in honor of **Boris'** 50th birthday, and by **Kurt & Sandy Kahn** in honor of their birthdays and Wedding Anniversary.
- **Legacy Program** (following Lunch) - honoring those who have committed to leaving a legacy donation to NHBZ, featuring D'var Torah by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason** entitled "Giving Jewishly", and testimonials praising the virtues of Legacy Giving from **Fran Alper** and **Don Eisenberg**.
- **Shabbos Study Group** (6:50 pm) - Studies in Tanach, led by **Menachem Szus**; everyone at any level of learning is welcome; now studying Yeshayahu (Isaiah).
- **Mincha/Shalosh Seudos/Ma'ariv** (7:50 pm)
- **Shabbos Concludes** (9:06 pm)



This Week

Davening Times	Shabbos July 14	Sun. July 15	Mon. July 16	Tues. July 17	Wed. July 18	Thur. July 19	Fri. July 20	Shabbos July 21
Shachris	9:00 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	6:45 am	8:30 am
Mincha/Maariv	7:50 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:45 pm
Events	Legacy Shabbos & Lunch; Shabbos Study	Learn; RAP; Tanya	Buy Cash Cards; Grief Support Group		Lunch 'n' Learn;	Shechita Class	Rosh Chodesh Av; ARI Shabbos	Synaplex Shabbos; Sponsored Shalosh Seudos

- **Sunday Learning** - (Sunday, July 15, following Shachris) - **Rabbi Chanan Swidler** of Aish HaTorah leads Mishna study for men following Sunday morning services; davening at 8:00 am.
- **RAP with the RABBI Teen Group** – (Sunday, July 15, 10:15 pm) - with **Rabbi Smason**, for young men and women; at Starbucks at Olive & Price, with complimentary drinks to all participants!
- **Tanya Class** (Sunday, July 15, 8:00 pm)
- **Grief Support Group** (Monday, July 16, 6:45 pm)

- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** (Wednesday, July 18, 12:15 pm) - in the Teen Lounge; now studying *Pirkei Avos* (*Ethics of the Fathers*, in English), which deals with Jewish ethical and moral principles; please join us for an enjoyable and relevant presentation and discussion.
- **Shechita Class** (Thursday, July 19, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm) - An 8 month series of classes for men led by Rabbi Chaim Loike, a Rabbinic Coordinator with the OU Kashruth Division; at NHBZ lower level.
- **Ari Weekend** (Friday, July 20, 7:00 pm) - *Kabbalat Shabbat on the Patio!*
-  **Shabbat** (Saturday, July 21, 8:00 am) - See picture ad for details!
- **Shalosh Seudos** (Saturday, July 21, following Mincha) - will be sponsored by Esther Levine in memory of her husband, Ben Mayer, z"l.
- **Buy and Use Cash Cards** (Monday – Friday) – Next order dates are **Monday, July 16** and **Tuesday, July 31**; buy 'em before these dates and earn free money for NHBZ.

Coming Events

- **Dine-In Pizza Night** (Sunday, July 22, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm) - **One week early due to Tisha B'Av.**
- **Tisha B'Av** (Sunday, July 29) - Shachris 8:00 am; Mincha 7:45 pm.
- **Morris Lengua Yiddish Club** (First Thursday, August 2, 7:30 pm) - Join us for a spirited hour filled with Yiddish stories, songs and laughter; "mavens" as well as novices are welcome.
- **Irvin Alper Social Club** (Sunday, August 5) - dinner and a movie and games; stay tuned for details.
- **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group** (First Tuesday, August 7, 2:30 pm) - at the home of **Jackie Berkin**; Topic is "The Six Constant Mitzvos," presented by **Rabbi Shaya Mintz**, of the St. Louis Kollel; all women are welcome; please join us!
- **Carry-Out Pizza Night** (Wednesday, August 15) – please place orders no later than Noon on August 15.
- **Women's Guide to Time** ((next date to be announced)
- **Sisterhood** (next date to be announced)

Meetings

- **Executive Committee** (Tuesday, July 24, following minyan at 7:30 pm)
- **Board of Directors** (Tuesday, August 14, following minyan at 7:30 pm)



Kasherus Alert

- **Nature Valley Dark Chocolate and Nut Trail Mix Chewy Granola Bars** are not certified by the Orthodox Union although some packages mistakenly have an OU on them; corrective measures have been implemented.

Reminders

- **Bulletin Deadline is Noon on Wednesdays - Bulletin Assistants are needed**
- **Sponsorships** - If you would like to sponsor kiddush, Soda, Shalosh Seudos, this bulletin, or something special and unique in honor or in memory of someone, please call 314-991-2100, ext. 2, to make arrangements.
- **Synagogue Honors** - It is customary to make a donation to the synagogue for an Aliyah or other synagogue honors received.
- **Free Money for NHBZ!!** - Use Schnuck's Scrip and buy Gift Cards; call Scrip and Gift Card Mavens Janet Haber at 567-7406 or Bert Zakroff at 220-0674 for details.
- **Volunteer Opportunities** - NHBZ needs YOU! NHBZ is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 52 weeks per year; to provide such an ongoing service, we need your help; whatever your skills, we have an opportunity for you; please call the office to volunteer.



***Beyond Twelve Gates* by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**

Beyond Twelve Gates' refers to a beautiful concept taught by the great mystic *Rabbi Isaac Luria* (1534-1572), also known as 'The Ari'. There exist twelve gates of prayer in Heaven — one for each tribe of Israel. There also exists a Heavenly thirteenth gate. Through this gate the prayers of all Jews, regardless of tribe, Jewish education or level of observance, are allowed to enter and are heard by G-d.

Parshas Pinchas

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Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates



Salvador Dali once said, "Have no fear of perfection -- you'll never reach it." Last Saturday, a young tennis player from Kazakhstan proved Dali wrong. Yaroslava Shvedova was absolutely perfect at the beginning of her third-round match at Wimbledon last week -- 24 points played, 24 points won. Achieving the only "golden set" for a woman in the 44 years of professional tennis, Yaroslava won every point of the first set of what became a 6-0, 6-4 victory over French Open runner-up Sara Errani.

Of all the ways a point can be lost -- a double-fault, for example, or an opponent's ace; one ball that floats a half-inch wide or long or catches the tape of the net, say, or even a lucky shot off the other player's racket that somehow finds a line, etc., etc. -- none happened during Yaroslava's 15 minutes of fame.

Total perfection, of course, is not attainable. But if we chase perfection to become better Jews, we can catch excellence. The challenges of daily living are great. What is a tool, then, to "chase perfection?" King David said, "I place G-d before me always" (Psalm 16:8). By continually weighing the consequences of your words and actions, and consistently speaking and acting in accord with Torah ideals and standards, you'll constantly improve in the important areas of your life.

Parshas Pinchas – Numbers 25:10 – 30:1



In last week's Torah portion we found the Jewish hero Pinchas saving the day for the Jewish people by publicly executing the Jewish tribal head, Zimri, and his Midianite

girlfriend, Kazbi. Those two had desecrated the Name of G-d and His Torah by having relations in plain view of Moses and the entire Jewish leadership. (I suppose you could say it was the very first 'Kazbi

Show'.) This week, Pinchas is rewarded for sanctifying the Name of G-d and is granted the blessing of peace and priesthood (Kehuna). Pinchas' zealous response saves the Jewish people from a plague which had broken out in the camp.

Five righteous daughters of Tzelofchad file a claim with Moses: In the absence of a brother, they request their deceased father's share in the Land of Israel. Moses asks G-d for a ruling. The Almighty responds that the claim of these five women who so dearly love the Land of Israel is, indeed, just. Moses is told that he will ascend a mountain to view the Land that the Jewish people will soon inherit, though he will not be allowed to enter. Moses asks G-d to appoint a successor. Do you know who is chosen? Joshua, Moses' dedicated assistant and student. The Torah portion concludes with a lengthy description of the special offerings brought on various festivals. These sections are also read from the Torah throughout the year on the appropriate holidays.

Rabbinic Ruminations



Do you consider yourself superstitious? Sports people are notoriously superstitious. Throughout his entire career Michael Jordan wore his old blue University of North Carolina shorts underneath his National Basketball Association uniform, for good luck. Similarly, Serena

Williams once admitted wearing the same pair of socks throughout a tennis tournament, and Tiger Woods wears a red shirt on tournament Sundays, which is usually the last (and critical) day of a golf tournament.

However, sports people aren't the only ones using superstitious thoughts and practices to gain "good luck." Indeed, many people develop and observe superstitions in their daily routines, such as crossing their fingers, knocking on wood, or carrying a lucky charm. Do superstitions work? A recent study has shown that some people make more successful putts when they are told that a golf ball is lucky, solve motor-dexterity puzzles better when experimenters make a "good luck" hand gesture, and shine on a

memory game when they are in the presence of their lucky charm. (Damisch et al., 2010)

Are superstitious practices "kosher"? The Torah is emphatic in demanding that we stay focused on our personal relationship with G-d. Judaism seeks to bring us closer to the Almighty through proper thought and deed. Superstitions -- irrational beliefs or practices that have a false conception of causation -- ignore G-d's involvement in our lives. The Torah says, "You must be wholehearted with the Lord your G-d" (Deut. 18:13). Leave the rabbit's foot, evil-eye bracelets and red string for others. Trust in G-d with all your heart, and in all your ways, acknowledge Him.

Quote of the Week

"You've got to fight for your reputation every day"
-- Louis Freeh, former FBI Director

Joke of the Week

When Golda Meir held the office of Prime Minister, she tried to encourage Henry Kissinger to make Israel a top priority.

He sent her a letter: "I would like to inform you that I'm first an American citizen; second, Secretary of State; and third, a Jew."

She responded, "In Israel, we read from right to left."



**Mazel Tov On Simchas
This Week July 14 - July 20**

Happy Birthday

**Anna Rose Tendler Ron Makovsky
Esther Levine Esther Kalina
Kurt Kahn**

Happy Anniversary

Linda & Dan Fleshman

**Show your friends you care - SEND A TRIBUTE
Shul: Call Gloria Waxman 314-872-3296
Sisterhood: Phyllis Silverman 314-434-2482
Libby Needle Fund: Sally Needle 314-991-2575
Chesed Fund: Drop by the office for a Card Pack**

Minyan Information

Non-observant Jewish men or those unfamiliar with davening can be fully included in a minyan.

Mayer Taller 997-0527
Rabbi Smason 749-5271
Howard Sandler 409-7266
NHBZ Office 991-2100

Monument Dedications

**Shirley Sussman, wife of Carl Sussman
Lisa (Leah) Sussman, mother of Carl Sussman**

Sunday, July 22, 2012, 12:30pm.
Chevra Kadisha Cemetery
North & South at Page

ISRAEL CORNER

Israel's \$100 billion economy is larger than all of its immediate neighbors combined.

Interested in NHBZ
MEMBERSHIP?

Please call the NHBZ office at
314-991-2100 extension 2

We welcome Jews at all levels of observance
and regardless of financial status

LEGACY GIVING

If you are thinking of making a Legacy Gift, or would like more information, please drop by the NHBZ office, or call Trudy Sudin at 993-3888.

Stump the Rabbi

Ask Rabbi Smason questions about Judaism. Ask in person, by phone or by email at:

Pepshort613@gmail.com

Question: What purpose does the repetition of the Shemoneh Esrei (Amidah) serve? -- submitted by Janet Haber

Answer: The original purpose of repeating the Amidah was so that if someone didn't know how to pray, they could hear the chazzan's repetition and fulfill in that way their obligation. Bear in mind that in earlier times, knowing how to pray meant a lot of memorization - written siddurim didn't appear until the 9th century. Fulfilling one's Amidah obligation would not 'work' for a person who does know how to pray on his own. Even when everyone in shul knows how to pray, though, the Sages' enactment - of first reciting Shemoneh Esrei silently and then the chazzan repeating it out loud - still remains in effect, just in case an unlearned person shows up. Even though one may have said the Amidah on one's own, the repetition provides multiple opportunities to answer 'amen' to the various blessings. Each 'amen', responded thoughtfully, is credited as if one said the blessing again!

Getting to Know You

by Roving Reporter Robin Rickerman

This week featuring **Boris Yasinev**.



Tell me a bit about your family history.

I was born in Russia. I have a sister living in Canada. I married Alla in Russia 30 years ago, and we came to America with our first two children,

Dennis and Alex. Daniella and Jonathan were born here, and now we have a grandchild, Brendan.

What is your favorite Jewish Holiday?

Sukkot...we enjoy celebrating outside in the Sukkah, leaving the material world behind. We like having family and friends in our Sukkah to enjoy the holiday and become closer to Hashem.

What do most people not know about you?

I was an assistant baker at Dierbergs for five years.

How did we become so fortunate to have you so involved at Nusach Hari?

It is close to home. We can walk to Shul on Shabbos and the people are so friendly.

If you could travel, ANY WHERE IN THE WORLD, where would you go and what would you do?

ISRAEL! I have never been to Israel and I really want to go!!



PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA
at NHBZ!!!

(One week early due to Tisha B'Av)

Lion's Den **DINE- IN** Pizza Night
SUNDAY, JULY 22 !!

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

All-You-Can-Eat Buffet of
Pizza, Spaghetti, Garlic Bread & Salad
plus Dessert & Beverage

Kids 3 & under FREE

Kids 4-12: \$6.00

Adults: \$11.00

First price increase since 2007!!!



Next Carry-Out Night
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

3 Weeks and 9 Days

The "Three Weeks" between the 17th of Tammuz and Tisha B'Av have been days of misfortune and calamity for the Jewish people throughout history. We minimize joy and celebration – we do not have weddings, listen to music, or shave and get haircuts.

On Shabbos during the Three Weeks, the Haftorahs are taken from chapters in Isaiah and Jeremiah dealing with the Temple's destruction and the exile of the Jewish people.

The period beginning with Rosh Chodesh Av is called the "Nine Days." During this time, a stricter level of mourning is observed: we don't eat meat and wine (except on Shabbat) and we do not do laundry or wear freshly laundered clothes (except on Shabbat). We also do not bathe for pleasure, though it is permitted to bathe in cool water in order to remove dirt or perspiration.

Community-wide event Commemorating the 6th Yartzheit of Sarah Adelman z'l

Sunday, July 22, 2012 at 3:00 P.M.
Young Israel of St. Louis

Community-wide lecture, minimum
donation of \$18.00 per family

Featuring

Dr. Michelle Levine,
Professor of Bible at Stern College

**“THE RITUALS OF REPENTANCE IN THE
HAFTORAS OF THE THREE WEEKS”**

**SPONSORED BY THE SARAH ADELMAN
MEMORIAL FUND**

The Sarah Adelman Memorial Fund supports programs and initiatives to help educate the community about dealing with psychological and social issues. Needy children in the St. Louis Jewish Orthodox community requiring counseling are supported by the fund.

NHBZ Double-Header

ARI &  **shabbat**

Friday Evening July 20

7:00 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat on the Patio

Saturday Morning July 21

8:30 am - Regular Services

10:15 am - Learners Service

led by Rabbi Smason

11:00 am - Break-out sessions

- 10 Things Parents Can Do to Bring Judaism Alive for Kids - led by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
- Healthcare Reform: Where do we go from here? - led by **Patrick Ishmael**, Policy Analyst for the Show-Me Institute
- Insights from the ARI - led by **Rabbi Yosef David** of Aish Hatorah
- Youth Programming for kids 4 and over
Led by Abi Epstein
- Tot Shabbat - led by Whitney Gartenberg

12:00 Noon - Kiddush & Lunch

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“Create a Jewish Legacy” Shabbos

*Honoring those who have committed to
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Special Gifts Campaign

NHBZ is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 52 weeks per year. To provide such an ongoing operation, the congregation depends upon gifts and contributions *above and beyond* members' dues. Dues only pay for 30% of our operating expenses. In giving to NHBZ, you fulfill an important mitzvah.

A **“special gift”** is a donation above and beyond annual dues or to any of the specific funds. Those who give above a specified amount will be honored at a Special Gifts Event.

The official 2012 “Special Gifts” Campaign is underway. Make your contribution now!