

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion  
Shabbos, August 14, 2010

Good Shabbos to Everyone

בס"ד  
Bruchim Habayim  
4 Elul 5770



Jews in Comedy!!!



**MAZEL TOV** to our friends celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries in the month of August! Our celebrants invite everyone to Kiddush & Lunch following services this morning. Special thanks to **Larry & Shirley Hollander** for sponsoring all of the dessert today in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary! And more special thanks to **Robert & Deborah, Samantha, Brandon and Alex Hollander** for their extremely generous contribution toward sponsoring the luncheon today to say "**HAPPY 50th ANNIVERSARY**" and "**WE LOVE YOU**" to their parents & grandparents, **Larry & Shirley Hollander!!!** Please be seated and remain seated until Rabbi Smason has made Kiddush, after which we will wash and wait for Rabbi Smason to make HaMotzi before eating. PLEASE REMAIN SEATED AND SILENT while Rabbi Smason makes Kiddush & HaMotzi. If you would like to sponsor or enhance a Kiddush, sponsor Soda or Shalosh Seudos, or add something special, please call 314-991-2100, ext. 2, to make arrangements. Your contribution will help our Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Kiddush & Shalosh Seudos Funds.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY & HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO EVERYONE!!!

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY TO SHIRLEY & LARRY!!!

☆ *Davening* ~ ~ *Parshas Shofetim*

**Sedra: Shoftim:Devorim 16:18-21:9**; pages 1024-1045. **Haftorah: Isaiah 51:12-52:12**; pages 1199 & 1200.

☆ **Thank You For Leading Davening:** **Pesukei D'Zimra: Howard Sandler**; **Shacharis: Dr. Ethan Schuman**; **Leyning: Michael Shapiro**; **Haftorah: Victor Grossman**; **Musaf: Dr. Ethan Schuman**.

☆ **Jr. Congregations** Jr. Congregations will be held this morning at 10:30 a.m., Girls Jr. Congregation and younger children will meet in the Chapel with **Dodi Smason**. Boys Jr. Congregation will meet in the Auditorium with **Avrumi Smason**.

☆ **Mincha/Maariv:** We will daven Mincha today at 7:20 p.m. Shabbos will conclude at 8:42 p.m.

☆ **Shacharis, Mincha and Maariv ~ Shabbos, August 14 through Friday, August 20:**

	Shabbos	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Shacharis	9:00	8:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00
Mincha/Maariv	7:20	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00

☆ **Shalosh Seudos** will be sponsored this evening by **Sarah Klein** in memory of her beloved grandparents, **Rabbi Mordecai Yosef & Fraydel Boime** and **Zev & Sarah Griner**.

☆ **Monument Dedication** ~ for **Al Marbain, ר"ג**, beloved husband of Evelyn Marbain, beloved father of Steve Marbain, will be held next Sunday, August 22, 10:00 a.m. at Chevra Kadisha cemetery on Page and North & South.

☆ **NHBZ Shabbos Events**

☆ **SHABBOS FESTIVITIES, EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:**

☆ **THANKS TO ARYEH NEEDLE** for leading the freilich services last night at our **KABBALAT SHABBAT**.

☆ **KABBALAT SHABBAT** with **Aryeh Needle** on Friday night, September 3, 7:00 p.m.

☆ **FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBOS DINNER** following services on September 3rd.

☆ **SYNAPLEX SHABBAT** Always interesting topics and dynamic speakers to nourish your mind; then enjoy a wonderful Shabbos lunch in honor of our friends celebrating September Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries on Shabbos, Sept. 4. Services will begin at 8:30 a.m.; Learner's Service at 10:00 a.m.; Synaplex sessions at 11:00 a.m.

☆ **NHBZ Coming Events & Dates to Remember**

☆ **Sisterhood's Mixed Company Day SPECIAL EVENT - "CHALLA TRADITIONS"** on Tuesday, August 17, at noon!!! **Margi Lenga Kahn**, the Jewish Light Columnist and Culinary Educator, will give a challa-baking demonstration. You can **WATCH - LEARN - EAT** the freshly baked challas, and enjoy a nice summer luncheon.



☆ **Mazel Club!!** We still need more of you to sign up before we can begin our monthly drawings. Please call the office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2. or email to [sandieabrams@hotmail.com](mailto:sandieabrams@hotmail.com). Mazel Club entries are only \$10 per ticket. And thanks to everyone for your constant support of our shull!!!

☆ **William on Vacation** - William will be on vacation beginning tomorrow - Sunday, August 15, and will return to NHBZ on Thursday, August 26.

☆ **August Executive Committee Meeting** - Tuesday, August 24, in the Joe Rothman Auditorium following Minyan. Minyan at 7:00 p.m.; Meeting at 7:30.

## ☆ NHBZ Coming Events & Dates to Remember

☆ **Dine-In PIZZA NIGHT** Sunday, August 29.



☆ **The Irvin Alper Social Club** We will not have an Irvin Alper Social Club get-together in September.

☆ **SELICHOS** - Saturday night/Sunday, September 4th: 12:30 a.m.; Sunday & Monday, Sept. 5 & 6: 8:00 a.m.; Tuesday, Sept. 7: 6:30 a.m.; Wednesday, Sept. 8: 6:15 a.m.

☆ **HIGH HOLIDAYS** - Rosh Hashana: Wednesday night, Thursday & Friday, September 8/9/10; Fast of Gedaliah, Sunday, Sept. 12; Yom Kippur - Kol Nidre night: Friday, Sept. 17 (Mincha at 1:30 p.m./Kol Nidre at 6:45 p.m.) Yom Kippur Day: Shabbos, Sept. 18; Sukkos: Wednesday night, Thurs. & Fri., Sept. 22/23/24; Hoshana Raba: Wednesday, Sept. 29; Shemini Atzeres: Thurs. Sept. 30; Simchas Torah: Friday, October 1st.

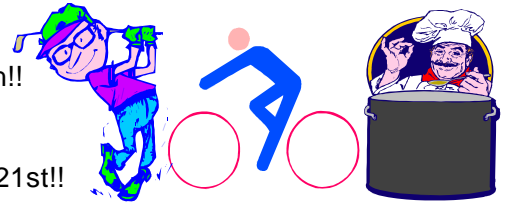
☆ **Shul Board of Directors Meeting** Tuesday, September 14. Minyan at 7:00 p.m.; Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Joe Rothman Auditorium.

☆ **Carry Out PIZZA NIGHT** Wednesday, September 15.

☆ **1st Ever NHBZ GOLF TOURNAMENT** Monday, September 20th!!

☆ **2010 RABBI RIDE-AROUND** Sunday, October 10!!

☆ **6th Annual KOSHER CHILI COOKOFF** Sunday, November 21st!!



☆ **Multi-Family Sale!!** Please give your furniture, books, lamps, household items and knick-knacks in good condition, for the Shul's Multi-Family Sale in the Fall; gently used clothes that are still nice enough to wear (very clean, no stains or damages please!) For drop-off times and questions about sale, please call Esther Gelb, 567-1683.

## ☆ Learning at NHBZ & with Rabbi Smason

☆ **Weekly Learning ~**

☆ **Boys' Shabbos Study Group** With Rabbi Smason for boys ages 10-14 each Shabbos, **30 minutes** before Mincha. **This Shabbos at 6:50 p.m.**

☆ **Shabbos Study Groups** Each Shabbos one hour before Mincha. **This Shabbos at 6:20 p.m.** Studying Tanach (currently, Melachim Bet - Kings II) and Pirkei Avos, led by **Menachem Szus**; **Everyone at any level of learning is welcome.**

☆ **Sunday Learning** Mishna Shiur every Sunday. **Rabbi Chanan Swidler**, of the St. Louis Kollel, leads a study of the Mishna following Sunday morning services. Davening at 8:00 a.m. followed by Mishna study.

☆ **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** Wed., 12:15 pm, in the auditorium. Insights for daily living from the weekly Torah portion.

☆ **Monthly Learning ~**

☆ **The Morris Lengua Yiddish Club** meets on the 1st Thursday of each month, at 7:30 p.m. in the Joe Rothman Auditorium. **Next Date Thursday, September 2nd, 7:30 p.m.** Join us for a spirited & enjoyable hour filled with Yiddish stories and songs, fun and laughter, **keeping Yiddish alive!** Seasoned "mayvens" (experts), as well as novices are invited!!

☆ **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group ~ "Women of Valor ~ Our Biblical Mothers"** presented by **Rabbi Shaya Mintz**, of the St. Louis Kollel. The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month. We will not have a class in September. **Next class Tuesday, October 5, 2:30 p.m.**, at the home of **Jackie Berkin**. All women are welcome. Please join us!!!

☆ **Melton Classes to be held at NHBZ** Rabbi Smason's classes: Tuesday mornings on September 7, 14 and 21 covering Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, & Sukkos; Wednesday, Sept. 29 - Hoshana Rabbah (at the home of Cyndee Levy); and beginning in October, a 20-week series on Genesis. **Felicia Graber** will teach a 10-week course on the Holocaust, beginning in October.

☆ **Author! Author!** Our very own **Felicia Graber** has written an astounding chronicle of her family's survival of the Holocaust and beyond in her book "Amazing Journey, Metamorphosis of a Hidden Child." Felicia weaves a tale that is at times painfully honest and revealing, and at others uplifting and triumphant. She is generously sharing her profits with NHBZ. Copies of "Amazing Journey" (\$15.00) are available in our office. To learn more about Felicia's book go to [www.feliciagraber.com](http://www.feliciagraber.com).

☆ **In the Community**

☆ **The Bikur Cholim Visitors Network** is planning to have future speakers. If you are interested in learning more, please go to [stlbikurcholim@gmail.com](mailto:stlbikurcholim@gmail.com) or contact Miriam Florans by phone at 314-724-7444.

☆ **NHBZ Chesed Fund ~** Partner up to visit people needing some TLC!!

It's easier when there are two of you sharing the mitzvah. Thanks and Yasher Koach to our TLC Teams and individuals: **Ruth Alper, Jackie Berkin & Sally Needle, Bertha Berman & Phyllis Silverman, and Moshe Pinto!** Join the TLC Team - and call **Phyllis Silverman**, 314-434-2482; for people who need our TLC in hospitals and nursing homes. Want to make a donation? Please send checks to our office, or charge to your credit card -- 314-991-2100, ext. 2.

MAZEL TOV  
ON SIMCHAS THIS WEEK!  
August 14-20!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Leonid Golynski  
Carl Goodman  
Bobby Levine  
Roz Rosen  
Florence Simon  
Shirley Sussman  
Leonid Vladimirov

*Happy Anniversary*

Bob & Sandie Abrams  
Alan & Janet Haber  
Larry & Shirley Hollander

Show your friends you care ~ SEND A TRIBUTE!  
Shul: Call Gloria Waxman, 314-872-3296  
Sisterhood: Call Phyllis Silverman, 314-434-2482  
Libby Needle Fund: Sally Needle, 314-991-2575

# 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 prayers in Heaven — one for each tribe of Israel. Additionally, there 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.

**Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates.** By now you've certainly heard of America's latest folk hero, Steven Slater. Slater, a JetBlue flight attendant, activated an exit chute on a just-landed plane at Kennedy International Airport after a dispute with a passenger. Taking to new heights (pun intended) the meaning of having a bad day at the office, Slater allegedly quit his job by cursing out his passengers, grabbing a beer from the beverage cart, and fleeing the plane by deploying the emergency slide. Slater, who was arrested and later released on bail, faces charges of criminal mischief, reckless endangerment, criminal trespass, and absconding with a flight crew's last beer (well, maybe he wasn't really charged concerning the beer). Most objective observers would term Slater's behavior as boorish, anger-fueled and dangerous. However, the mother of the feisty flight attendant thinks her son deserves a break. In a television news interview, Diane Slater said, 'He just had a very small meltdown. And I think he deserves to be able to have that meltdown.' What a Mom! The Torah defines love as the emotion produced within us when we focus on a person's good qualities. Our parents, though at times subjective and biased, are the world's greatest experts at seeing our virtues. For most of us, Mom and Dad are co-presidents of our Fan Club. May G-d bless our mothers and fathers.

## Parshas Shoftim Deuteronomy 16:18 - 21:9

Moses proceeds to review the regulations necessary for a civilized society. Local judges and officers were to be appointed in every city, and justice was to be administered righteously and impartially. A bribe of even an insignificant sum is forbidden. The Sanhedrin — the Jewish High Court of seventy one judges — is to make Torah-based binding decisions on new situations to prevent the fragmentation of the Jewish people. When the Jewish people request a king, the king was not to misuse his power to amass many horses, maintain a harem or accumulate great wealth. To order his priorities and not become haughty, he should write a copy of the Torah and carry it with him. When the Jewish people had righteous kings such as David and Solomon, it was a blessing. When we had wicked kings such as Jereboam and Ahav, it was a curse. The nation's conduct in war is mentioned. The Jewish people are told not to be afraid of the enemy, not to destroy any fruit trees in battle, and that they should first give the enemy a chance to make peace. The portion also forbids all forms of superstition and 'magic' practiced by the soothsayer (Did you hear about the midget psychic who escaped from prison? The headlines read, 'Small Medium at Large'). We have no need for such tricks because of our true prophets and faith in G-d. The Jewish people are promised by G-d that He will send prophets to guide them, and Moses explains how a genuine prophet may be distinguished from a false one.

## Rabbinic Ruminations



Her parents were Baptist and Catholic and she was born in Georgia, part of the Bible Belt. But Hollywood superstar Julia Roberts says she is now a practising Hindu. The 42-year-old Oscar-winning actress recently took to Hinduism during the shooting of a film in India. Roberts announced that she and her family now worship as Hindus, and go together to a temple to "chant and pray and celebrate." Her children already have Hindu names. Hindu priest Swami Dharam Dev said, "I have named her twins Hazel and Phinnaeus as Laxmi and Ganesh, while Henry will be called Krishna Balram." Is Julia Roberts another confused celebrity trying on the religion "flavor" of the month? The

trend toward flip-flopping one's religious affiliation has been gaining momentum for half a century. Consider that in 1955 only 15 percent of Americans said they no longer adhered to the faith of their childhood, according to a Gallup poll. By 2008, 44 percent had switched their religious affiliation at least once, or dropped it altogether. Americans now sample, dabble and move on from the religious faith they were born into in eye-catching numbers. What does this mean for the Jewish community? The Torah states, "**Remember the days of old, understand the years of generation and generation. Ask your father and he will relate it to you, your elders and they will tell you.**" (Deuteronomy 32:7). Speaking to the Jewish people, Moses issues a call meant to reverberate in the hearts of Jewish parents and children throughout the millennia; for your spiritual sustenance and an understanding of your place in this world, you need look no further than the Torah. Our greatest challenge today is not 'Jews for Jesus' or 'Jews for Krishna'. but rather, 'Jews for Nothing'. If we find ourselves unable to answer the question "Why should I be Jewish?", we have an obligation to discover and connect with our 3,500-year Jewish heritage.

## Quote of the Week - Helen Keller

If you would ask me: if I could have one of my senses back, either sight or hearing, which would I choose? I would choose hearing. Being blind cuts you off from the world but being deaf cuts you off from and relating and communicating with people. I choose people over the world.



## Joke of the Week

A Jewish couple won eighty million dollars in the lottery. They immediately set out to begin a life of luxury. They bought a magnificent mansion in Beverly Hills and surrounded themselves with all the material wealth imaginable. Then they decided to hire a butler. And of course, only a very proper and very British butler would do. They found the perfect butler through an agency, flew him in from London, and brought him back to their home. Unfortunately, their new butler Alfred (who bore a striking resemblance to Michael Caine) was totally unfamiliar with anything Jewish. The day after his arrival they instructed Alfred to set up the dining room table for four, as they were inviting the Cohens to lunch. The couple then left the house to do some shopping. When they returned, they found the table set for eight. They asked the butler why eight, when they had specifically instructed him to set the table for four. Alfred replied, "The Cohens telephoned and said they were bringing the Blintzes and the Knishes."

**Thanks for reading 'Beyond Twelve Gates'. Comments, questions, requests to be added to our email list, or better jokes, can be sent to Rabbi Smason at [Pepshort613@gmail.com](mailto:Pepshort613@gmail.com) or [adarabba@hotmail.com](mailto:adarabba@hotmail.com). Care to know more about Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Congregation? Check us out at [www.nhbz.org](http://www.nhbz.org) If you enjoyed Beyond Twelve Gates, please share with a friend. Thanks to Alan Haber for his assistance in distributing BTG.**

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☆ **Kabbalat-Shabbat & Fri-  
day night Shabbos Dinner**  
Another spectacular Friday night  
with Aryeh Needle to delight you ~

7:00 p.m. ~ Sept. 3rd!! After services, extend your  
Shabbos pleasure with a delicious, full-course dinner!

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Wedding Anniversaries on September 4th..

## PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA at NHBZ!!!



**NEXT Lion's Den DINE-IN Pizza Night**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 29!!**

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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

Kids 3 & under: FREE

Kids 4-12: \$6.00 Adults: \$10.00

**NEXT CARRY OUT NIGHT ~ WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15**

Thank you for  
helping the kids!!



## School Supplies!!

Lenny & Fran Alper  
Ruth Alper  
Fabian & Francine Attoun  
Bertha Berman  
Sam & Shirley Bluestein  
Leo Bressler  
Larry & Rayna Chervitz  
Esther Gelb  
Bob, Joni, Hannah & Rebecca Kaiser  
Katie Kelenbrink  
Natalie Klamen  
Sarah Klein  
Morris & Estelle Kram  
Sally Needle  
Lou & Shirley Osheroff  
Moshe Pinto  
Menachem & Linda Szus  
Victor & Anna Rose Tendler  
Jack Tepper

## Multi-Family Sale!!



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hold items and knick-knacks in good condition, for  
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## Mazel Tov

To our friends celebrating  
Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries  
in the month of August

Larry Abrams	Sidney Kleg
Bob & Sandie Abrams	Bobby Levine
Julie Eisenberg	Ephraim & Michelle Mufson
Mike Elbaz	Sally Needle
Mikhail & Khasya Epshteyn	Alex Perez
Henrietta Fredman	Ted & Rachael Pevnick
Irwin & Arlene Fredman	Rosalind Rosen
Alan Gelb	Dena Sudin Schupper
Leonid Golynskiy	Daniel Shanker
Carl Goodman	Florence Simon
David Goodman	Dodi Smason
Vic Grossman	Shirley Sussman
Alan & Janet Haber	Leonid Vladimirov
Larry & Shirley Hollander	Jonathan Yasinev
Al & Ruth Katz	Ari Zakroff
	Bert & Tziporah Zakroff