

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion
Shabbos, August 28, 2010

Good Shabbos to Everyone

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Bruchim Habayim
11 Elul 5770



Happy Anniversary Ted & Rachael!!!
Happy Birthday Daniel!!!

☆ **Kiddush** ~ Everyone is invited to Kiddush in the Joe Rothman Auditorium following services this morning. Thanks to **Ted & Rachael Pevnick** for sponsoring the salad bar and fresh fruit in honor of their wedding anniversary. And thanks to **Jon & Naomi Shanker** for sponsoring the brownie cake in honor of **Daniel's birthday!!!**

If you would like to sponsor, enhance or add something special to a Kiddush, sponsor Soda or Shalosh Seudos, please call 314-991-2100, ext. 2, to make arrangements. Your contribution will help our NHBZ Kiddush & Shalosh Seudos Funds.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DANIEL!!! *Mazel Tov Ted & Rachael!!!*

☆ **Davening** ~ *Parshas Ki Savo*

Sedra: *Ki Savo: Devorim 26:1-29:8*; pages 1068-1085. **Haftorah: Isaiah 60:1-22**; pages 1201-1202.

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

☆ **Jr. Congregations** Jr. Congregation for girls and younger children will be held this morning at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel with **Dodi Smason**. Boys Jr. Congregation will not meet for the next few weeks while Avrumi Smason and his family are in Israel. We are introducing "Conversational Hebrew for Teens," which will meet in the Auditorium at 11:00 a.m., led by **Sima Moria**.

☆ **Mincha/Maariv:** We will daven Mincha today at 7:00 p.m. Shabbos will conclude at 8:22 p.m.

☆ **Shacharis, Mincha and Maariv ~ Shabbos, August 28 through Friday, September 3:**

	Shabbos	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Shacharis	9:00	8:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00
Mincha/Maariv	7:10	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00

☆ **NHBZ Shabbos Events**

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

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

☆ **FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBOS DINNER** following services next week, September 3rd. **RSVP, 314-991-2100, ext. 5.** Extend your Shabbos pleasure with a delicious, full-course dinner!! Adults: \$18.00; Kids 6-10: \$10.00; Kids 5 & Under, FREE.

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

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



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

☆ **August Executive Committee Meeting** - To Be Announced.

☆ **PRE-SELICHOS MOVIE** - next Saturday night, September 3rd, at 11:30 p.m. with refreshments and discussion. "Shanghai Miracle" ~ a 42-minute film ~ How hundreds of Yeshiva students escaped the fires of Europe to find refuge in Shanghai, China.

☆ **SELICHOS** - next 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.

☆ **MinyanMan Labor Day Brunch & Learn** Monday, September 6th. Selichos at 8:00 a.m., Shacharis at 8:30 a.m. followed by brunch of Bagels & Lox, sliced veggies, fresh fruit, OJ and coffee. Rabbi Smason will speak on the topic: **"Does G-D Care About Non-Jews?"**

☆ **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.

☆ **HIGH HOLIDAY LEARNERS' SERVICE** - **First day of Rosh Hashana**, Thursday, September 9, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. led by Rabbi Chanan Swidler of Aish HaTorah. **Yom Kippur Day**, Shabbos, September 18, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. led by Rabbi Yonason Goldson of Aish HaTorah and Block Yeshiva High.

☆ **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.

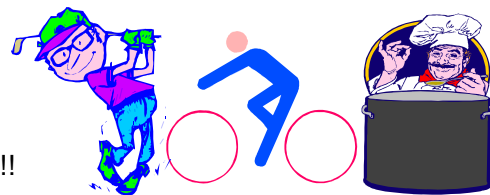
☆ **Carry Out PIZZA NIGHT** Wednesday, September 15.

☆ NHBZ Coming Events & Dates to Remember

☆ **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.

☆ **We are proud to present our Honorees for 2010 ~ ~ Joann Raskas & Ron Rosen.** And a new Youth Service Award to recipients **Alex Lyss and Jack Lyss.** Joann Raskas and Ron Rosen are the benefactors and inspiration of the monthly "night out" that has delighted the entire Jewish community ~ **Our Lion's Den Pizza Night at Nusach Hari B'nai Zion!!!** They donated our very first pizza oven!!! This outstanding good deed launched the project that has surpassed our expectations, and continues to provide a venue for kosher meals and family fun! Alex and Jack Lyss are two extraordinary young men who have immersed themselves in shul life and have endeared themselves to everyone at Nusach Hari B'nai Zion. The list of the good deeds performed by Alex and Jack Lyss is impressive - from regularly leyning (reading) the Torah, to choosing a service project for our shul to complete their Eagle Scout program, Alex and Jack exemplify the best in today's youth ~ learning, building and preparing for the future. It is with great pleasure that we give well-deserved kovod (honor) to these wonderful people on Sunday, December 12, 2010. We have chosen to create an elegant, elaborate evening at our current location - 8630 Olive Boulevard, to bid a fond farewell in a grand manner to the "old" as we prepare to move into our new facility in 2011. The Ad Journal order forms have been mailed. Please respond with your business ads, and greetings and messages to our honorees.

☆ **Medical-Supply Gemach** ~ We are happy to announce our medical-supply gemach, and we welcome anyone in the community to utilize it. If you have medical items that are no longer being used, we'd be happy to add them to our collection. We are looking for such things as: canes, crutches, walkers, shower seats, "portable potties," any sort of medical supply -- disposable underwear, bed pads, plastic urinals, etc., to name just a few!! AND, we will pick up!! We want to have supplies available for immediate or emergency needs, general use, or even when an out of town relative or friend visits -- so rather than "shlepping" things on the plane, we will have these things to lend out. We are still learning about the vast variety of medical items, so please call if you have anything that would fit into this project. Please call us at 314-875-0383 or email: Avigayilstl@inbox.com if you have any questions. Thanks to everyone, **Avigayil & Merrill Raul**

☆ 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 6:30 p.m.**

☆ **Shabbos Study Groups** Each Shabbos one hour before Mincha. **This Shabbos at 6:00 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 Aish HaTorah, leads a study of the Mishna following Sunday morning services. Davening at 8:00 a.m. followed by Mishna study.

☆ **RAP with the RABBI** Teen Group with **Rabbi Smason** will resume this Sunday, August 29, at 9:15 a.m. in his office.

☆ **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** Wed., 12:15 pm, in the auditorium. Insights for daily living from the weekly Torah portion. The class will not meet on Wednesdays before Rosh Hashana, Sukkos and Shemini Atzeres/Simchas Torah -- Sept. 8, 22 & 29.

☆ 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 This 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.

MAZEL TOV
ON SIMCHAS THIS WEEK!
August 28 - September 3!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Fabian Attoun
Morris Fredlich
Howard Sandler
Daniel Shanker

Happy Anniversary
Ted & Rachael Pevnick

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

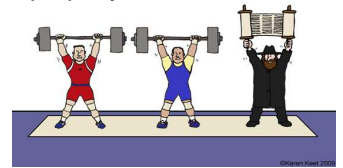
by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

'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. Sure, it's expensive to buy the toys of the rich and famous. But buying them is just the start. Once you have them, they cost a small fortune to keep. The Gulfstream G550 is a highly sought-after long-range private jet that is popular among very wealthy individuals. Even if you can afford the hefty price tag of \$50.5 million, if flown often it will burn through nearly a million dollars a year. Maintenance, insurance and hanger costs add another million. Can't afford the private jet? How about the much more affordable personal helicopter? You might have to fly commercial but at least you won't have to take a cab to the airport. A Bell 430, a top-of-the-line executive model will eat up a mere \$1 million a year in fuel, crew salaries, and other costs. That driver for your exotic car can cost \$70,000 a year or higher. Private islands remain popular among the ultra-rich, but their annual operating costs are \$200,000 and up. And if you just **have** to have a personal chef, be prepared to fork out (no pun intended) between \$80,000 to \$150,000 a year. Is wealth a good thing? It depends. **Whoever fulfills the Torah despite poverty, will ultimately fulfill it in wealth; but whoever neglects the Torah because of wealth, will ultimately neglect it in poverty** (Ethics of the Fathers). Whether you're rich or poor, it's nice to have money. And if you do have money - like all blessings - make sure you use it properly.

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. Firstly, they are to inscribe the entire Torah on twelve large stones. Secondly, 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.



Rabbinic Ruminations

Do you mind your P's and Q's? These days, Ron Sveden certainly does. Doctors thought the growth in his lung was a tumor, but when they looked closer they found an unbelievable surprise. "I was told I had a pea seed in my lung that had split and had sprouted," said Sveden, from Massachusetts, who had been sick for months. For two weeks tests were performed but all came back negative for cancer until one doctor found the plant growing in his lung. "Whether this would have gone full-term and I'd be working for the Jolly Green Giant, I don't know," said Sveden. Doctors suspect he had eaten a pea at some point in the last couple of months and it went down the wrong way, and then began to grow. "One of the first meals I had in the hospital after the surgery had peas for the vegetable. I laughed to myself and ate them," said Sveden. Friends and neighbors have had fun with this; in good fun, they sent him pea seeds and canned peas. His wife was beyond happy at this strange twist of fate. "G-d has such a sense of humor. It could have been just nothing, but it had to be a pea, and it had to be sprouting," said Nancy Sveden. Does G-d have a sense of humor? Many of us have heard the Yiddish proverb **Mann tracht, un Gott lacht** (Man plans, and G-d laughs). Each time we hear it we smile, because we know it is true. A classical source for this idea is found in Psalm 2: **"The One who dwells in the Heavens laughs. G-d snickers at them,"** wrote King David regarding those who try to destroy the Jewish people. Life often doesn't turn out the way we expect. In fact, at times life seems to take a completely different direction. We make plans, but G-d "laughs" in realizing that our plans often will not materialize. We should continue to make plans - but, with the awareness that only with G-d's blessing will our plans come to realization.

Quote of the Week ~ Sylvester Stallone

We should always have goals. If you don't have a mountain, build one and then climb it. And after you climb it, build another one; otherwise you start to flatline in your life.



Joke of the Week

The captain of an Iranian Air Force transport flying over the Mediterranean sends out a MAYDAY message: "This is Iran Air Force #174 announcing we have lost one engine and want to land at any airport in the Middle East OTHER than Israel!" No answer. A while later he announces, "This is Iran Air Force #174 again. We have now lost two engines and need to land at any airport in the Middle East OTHER than Israel!" Silence. A short while later the captain announces, "This is Iran Air Force #174. We are desperate. We have now lost THREE engines and urgently ask permission to land at any airport in the Middle East OTHER than Israel!" Still no answer. Finally the captain calls out, "Help! This is Iran Air Force #174. We have only one engine left and it is rapidly failing. Unless we can land we are going to crash. We need permission to land at ANY airport in the Middle East INCLUDING Israel!" Shortly thereafter, a voice is heard in the Iranian cockpit: "Shalom Iran Air Force #174. This is Tel Aviv approach control. We would like to help." "Allah be praised," says the Iranian pilot. "Please give me instructions." "Do you speak Hebrew?" "No" "OK, then repeat after me: **Yisgadal V'yiskadash Shimay Rabbah.....**" (words from the *Kaddish* prayer, often said to honor the dead).

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 or adarabba@hotmail.com. Care to know more about Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Congregation? Check us out at 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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Big Shabbos Do'n's! Exciting Coming Events

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PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA at NHBZ!!!



Lion's Den DINE-IN Pizza Night TOMORROW - 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

MUST R-S-V-P for 2 EVENTS!!

314-991-2100, ext. 5

SIMCHAS TORAH Spaghetti Dinner + Auction FREE TO ALL

Spaghetti ~ Sandie's Salad ~ Garlic Bread
~ Candy Apples ~

Thursday Night, Sept. 30, between Hakafo's

Simchas Torah Luncheon

SIMCHAS TORAH DAY ~ Friday, October 1

Services will conclude at 12:30 p.m.

Join us for Kiddush, free to all as usual . . .

then enjoy a wonderful lunch of

Dee-licious Stuffed Cabbage
Meatloaf for Cabbage Non-Lovers
& Hot Dogs for Kids

Baba's To-Die-For Killer Potatoes

Cole Slaw Green Bean Salad

Dessert & Beverages

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☆ SYNAPLEX ☆ ☆ SHABBAT ☆

Next Shabbos, September 4th! Two great options!

Shabbos services beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Learner's Service from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Led by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**

Both services will be followed by these break-out sessions starting at 11:00 a.m.:

'Say What?' A Survival Guide to
Every Day Jewish Expressions
Led by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

Classic Insights into the Days of Awe
Led by Rabbi Eli Shapiro, St. Louis Kollel

The Iranian Nuclear Threat
Led by David Rubin, Esq.

CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW
FOR TEENS

Led by Sima Moria

TOT SHABBAT

Led by Dodi Smason

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