



NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

March 26, 2011

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Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

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Today's bulletin is sponsored by **Boris Yasinev** in honor of his wife **Alla's** birthday, and by **Don and Julie Eisenberg** to thank everyone for the tributes, meals sent, and sympathy in memory of their beloved father, Harold Eisenberg

Today

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
 - Shacharis: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
 - Leyning: **Michael Shapiro**
 - Haftorah: **Fabian Attoun**
 - Sermon: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
 - Musaf: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
- **Shabbos Parah** (Shabbos of the Red Heifer) - occurs on the Shabbos following Purim, and marks the beginning of formal preparations for Passover. The special Torah reading, Numbers 19:1-22, discusses the ritual of purification involving a red heifer (parah adumah). The passage is chosen for this time because of the need to purify oneself for Pesach, in preparation for the pilgrimage to Jerusalem and the Temple; the corresponding haftorah portion is Ezekiel 36:16-38, which also talks about purification.
- **Learners Service** (10:30 am) - Led by *Jonathan Stern* in the Chapel.
- **Jr. Congregations** (10:30 am) - Girls Jr. Congregation and younger children meet in Children's Room with *Nina Levine*; Boys Jr. Congregation will meet in the Auditorium with *Avrumi Smason*.
- **Kiddush** (following Musaf) - Thanks to **'Pop-Star' Boris Yasinev** for sponsoring soda today in honor of his wife **Alla's** birthday!
- **Shabbos Study Group** (6:00 pm) - Studies in Tanach, led by *Menachem Szus*; everyone at any level of learning is welcome; now studying Yeshayahu (Isaiah).
- **Boys' Mishna Study Group** (6:15 pm) - With *Rabbi Smason*, for boys ages 10-17.
- **Mincha / Shalosh Seudos** (6:45 pm)
- **Shabbos concludes** (8:03 pm)

שבת שלום



This Week

● Davening Times

	Shabbos Mar. 26	Sun. Mar. 27	Mon. Mar. 28	Tues. Mar. 29	Wed. Mar. 30	Thur. Mar. 31	Fri. Apr. 1	Shabbos Apr. 2
Shachris	9:00 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv	6:45 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	6:50 pm

- **Sunday Learning** (tomorrow, Sunday Mar 27, 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** (tomorrow, Sunday Mar 27, 9:15 am - 10:00 am) - with *Rabbi Smason* for young men and women in the Rabbi's office.
- **Dine-In Pizza Night** (tomorrow, Sunday, Mar 27, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm)

- **Irvin Alper Social Club** (Sun. Mar 27, 6:00 pm, at Pizza Night) - winning ticket for Passport-to-Israel Raffle will be drawn; win Pesach dinner for 6 from Kohn's! There will be no meeting in April.
- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** (Wednesday, March 30, 12:15 pm) - 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 each Wednesday.
- **Shabbos HaChodesh** (*Shabbos of the Month*) - We read an extra Torah portion preceding the first of the Hebrew month of Nisan during which we celebrate Passover. This portion, Exodus 12:1-20, talks about preparations for Passover, which begins on Nissan 15. With one simple line, it establishes the Hebrew calendar: "This month shall be for you the beginning of the months, it shall be for you the first of the months of the year." In the Hebrew calendar, months are counted from Nisan in the spring, but years are counted from the month of Tishri in the fall. The corresponding haftarah portion is Ezekiel 45:16-46:18, which also talks about the first months and the offerings at that time.
- **Buy and Use Your Pre-Paid Cash Cards** (Next Order Days are Mar 31 and Apr 13) - Earn free money for NHBZ. Order your cards this week! You pay with Cash Cards just like cash in hand
- **Sell Chametz** - It is not too early; see Rabbi Smason after daily minyan, or call the office.

Coming Events

- **Restaurant Night Out** (Sunday, April 3)
- **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group** (First Tuesday, April 5, 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!!!
- **Morris Lenga Yiddish Club** (First Thursday, April 7, 7:30 pm) - Join us for a spirited hour filled with Yiddish stories, songs and laughter; seasoned "mavens" as well as novices are welcome.
- **April Lunch & Learn** (Saturday, April 9) - Honoring birthdays and anniversaries in April; speaker will be Sergeant Benjamin Anthony, IDF Reserves, of the 'Our Soldiers Speak' organization; the topic will be "Hope in the Midst of War".
- **Pizza Schedule for April** - There will be no carry-out Pizza Night in April; the last Sunday of the month is during Pesach, so Dine-in Pizza Night will be moved to Sunday, April 17, before Pesach.
- **Next Carry-Out Pizza Night** (Wednesday, May 11)
- **NHBZ Sisterhood** - no events in April.

Kashrus News

- **Kosher Liquor from cRc** - Go to this link: http://www.crcweb.org/KC_latest.pdf
- **Vaad Hoeir of St. Louis 2011 Passover Guide** - Go to link: www.ovkosher.org; or pick up paper copies in the office.
- **OV Kashrus Alert** - Krispy Kreme Banana Cream donuts in St. Louis area are not certified kosher.
- **King Star Foods Chicken Flavor Soup** bears an unauthorized OU-P label; it is not certified Kosher for Passover by the OU, and is being withdrawn from the market
- **Yoyo Mania Bubble Gum Nuggets** bears an unauthorized OU symbol; it is not certified Kosher by the OU, and is being withdrawn from the market for relabeling



Meetings

- **Executive Committee** - Tuesday, Mar 29; Minyan at 7:00 pm; meeting at 7:35 pm.
- **Board of Directors** - Tuesday, April 12; Minyan at 7:00 pm; meeting at 7:35 pm.



News and Reminders

- **Od Yosef Chai Total** - This year NHBZ collected \$1339 for Od Yosef Chai to distribute to poor people in Israel on Purim; last year's total was \$1582.
- **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.



• **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 Shemini

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Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates



Goldy Gopher never saw it coming. An annoyed fan - a math professor who had received his doctorate from the University of Minnesota - punched the fuzzy-suited mascot during a men's gymnastics meet. The mascot-mauling left the professor embarrassed, regretful, and banned for a year from the University's sports arena.

Douglas Dokken, 60, was trying to watch the competition when in good fun, Goldy tapped the professor on the shoulder and then moved to the other side. The buck-toothed mascot had already played the same trick on a few others, eliciting smiles from his victims and laughter from the kids trailing him. Then suddenly, without warning, Dokken turned and punched Goldy, knocking him back into the bleachers. The professor then stood over the mascot and punched him again. In a written statement, Dokken said he deeply regrets the incident. "I should have just walked out of there," he said.

Math professor Dokken would be the first to agree that losing your temper just doesn't add up. Though anger is a common reaction to stress or irritation, King Solomon said, *"Don't let your spirit be quick to be angry for anger rests in the lap of fools"* (Ecclesiastes 7:9). It's been said that the best cure for a short temper is a long walk. Impulsive outbursts of anger harm us in many ways. Anger is never without a reason, but seldom with a good one.

Parshas Shemini: Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47

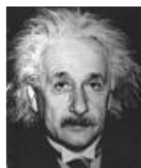
This week's Torah portion begins by discussing the events which occurred on the eighth and final day of the inauguration service of the *Mishkan*. After months of preparation, Aaron and his sons are finally installed as Kohanim in an elaborate service. Aaron blesses the people, and the entire nation rejoices as G-d's presence rests upon them. However, the excitement comes to an abrupt halt as Aaron's two eldest sons, Nadav and Avihu, are consumed by a heavenly fire in the *Mishkan* while innovating an offering of incense on the altar. This incident stresses the need to perform the

commandments only as G-d directed. Later, Moses consoles Aaron, who grieves in silence.



Have you ever wondered where the laws of kosher food come from? *Parshas Shemini* concludes with a listing of the kosher and non-kosher animals. The identifying signs of a kosher land animal are that it has split hooves and chews, regurgitates and re-chews its food. A kosher fish is one that has both fins and scales. All birds not included in the list of forbidden fowl are permitted. However, today the identities of these non-kosher birds are doubtful. Therefore, we're forbidden to eat any species of bird unless there is a well-established tradition that it is kosher. The Torah forbids all types of insects except for four species of locusts. Chocolate-covered grasshoppers, anyone? The laws of kashrut help us to be separate and holy -- like G-d, Himself.

Rabbinic Ruminations



How much would you pay for Albert Einstein's comb? What is Marilyn Monroe's hairpin worth to you? A new study in the *Journal of Consumer Research* explains why someone would make out a check for \$49,000 for Michael Jackson's jeweled white glove or \$48,875 for a piece of costume jewelry previously owned by Jackie Kennedy. The psychological concept of "contagion" -- the belief that a person's immaterial qualities or essence can be transferred onto an object through physical contact -- is one explanation suggested by the study's authors. One experiment showed that a sweater previously touched by a well-liked celebrity, but later dry-cleaned, reduced participants' willingness to purchase the sweater.

It is uncertain whether any spiritual benefits are to be gained from owning a celebrity possession. The influence of a good neighbor or righteous person, however, is unmistakable. The Torah teaches: *"Happy is the righteous man, and happy is his neighbor."* When you walk into a store that sells flowers or perfume, even

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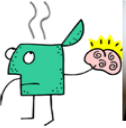
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without a purchase you still come out smelling nice. It's been said that a neighbor is like a book; if it's good, it can't last too long. If it's bad, you can't get rid of it too early.

Choose your friends and neighbors carefully. The spiritual health of you and your family depend upon them.

Quote of the Week

"The human mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions" - Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. (1841 – 1935), Supreme Court Justice



Joke of the Week

Two astronauts land on Mars. Their mission: to determine whether there is oxygen on the planet. 'Give

me the box of matches,' says one. 'Either it burns and there is oxygen, or nothing happens.'

He takes the box, and is ready to strike a match when, out of the blue, a Martian appears waving all his seven arms, and says, 'No, no, don't!'

The two guys look at each other, worried. Could there be an unknown explosive gas on Mars? Still, the astronaut takes up the match and prepares to strike it. Suddenly, a crowd of hysterical Martians comes, all waving their arms: 'No, please no, don't do that! STOP! Please!'

One of the astronauts says, 'This looks serious. What are they afraid of? Nonetheless, we're here for science, to know if humans can breathe on Mars.' So . . . he strikes the match -- which flames up, burns down, and... NOTHING HAPPENS! So then he turns to the Martians and asks, 'Why did you want us to not strike a match?'

The leader of the Martians steps forward and says, "Today is Shabbos!"

(from Jerry Blume)



OY VEY!

Restaurant Night Out

Prepared by

Chef Melyssa Pupillo, Graduate of L'Ecole Culinaire
Under the supervision of Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

Sunday, April 3, 2011

Cocktails ~ Cash Bar open at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner Served at 6:30 p.m.

Three Course Dinner with a German Flair

featuring

Hearty Butternut Squash Soup

Chicken Kouladen

(stuffed & sliced, boneless, skinless chicken breast, rolled with a filling of mushrooms and spinach, with a Dijon Mustard Sauce)

Spaetzle (German dumplings)

Sweet & Sour Red Cabbage

Warm Apple Tart

(served with a dollop of chilled, Pareve Whipped Cream)

Coffee and Tea

Reservations are required! \$25.00 per person

RSVP: 314-991-2100, ext. 2 by Monday, March 28th

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Mazel Tov
On Simchas this week!
March 26 - April 1, 2011

Happy Birthday

Shirley Fredlich Alla Yasinev
Janice Shanitkvitch Alan Haber

Happy Anniversary

None this week

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



PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA
at NHBZ!!!

Lion's Den **DINE- IN Pizza Night**
TOMORROW, SUNDAY, MARCH 27 !!

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: \$10.00

NO CARRY-OUT NIGHT IN APRIL

PRE-PESACH DINE-IN NIGHT - SUN. APRIL 17

Make a tribute to honor someone's simcha or
good health or a loved one's memory.

Synagogue Tribute

- Call **Gloria Waxman** 314-872-3296

Sisterhood Tribute

- Call **Phyllis Silverman** 314-434-2482

Libby Needle Fund Tribute

- Call **Sally Needle** 314-991-2575

A Special Message

*A sincere thank you to all the wonderful members
who contributed and provided the Shabbos meal
for our family during shiva. We greatly appreciated
your kindness and generosity during this difficult
time. Having friends and family to lean on during
this sorrowful time was so comforting.*

*Warmest Regards,
Don and Julie Eisenberg*

Build a Shul !

NHBZ has new opportunities for you to make a named
dedication in the new building. You can dedicate a brick
or a planting. These are affordable dedications that give
everyone a way to participate in the mitzvah of building a
Shul and at the same time make a lasting contribution in
memory or honor of someone close to you. Bricks will be
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x 8" brick.

Current Prices:

4" x 8" brick with 3-line inscription \$220
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Planting and 8" x 8" brick with 6-line inscription \$950

Prices will increase after April 15:

4" x 8" brick with 3-line inscription \$250
8" x 8" brick with 6-line inscription \$500
Planting and 8" x 8" brick with 6-line inscription \$1000

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Call Bert Zakroff, 220-0674.

NHBZ Lunch and Learn April 9

Services begin at 9:00 A.M. Luncheon begins at approximately 11:30 A.M.

Guest speaker will be **Sergeant Benjamin Anthony**, IDF Reserves, of 'Our Soldiers Speak', an organization
that seeks to establish common ground between the soldiers of Israel and people the world over who are
interested in knowing about the actual mindset and motivation of an Israeli soldier. Sgt. Anthony's topic will be

"Hope in the Midst of War"

With acknowledgement of thanks to NCSY, which is sponsoring Sergeant Anthony's visit to St. Louis and to NHBZ

NHBZ Giving Opportunities

NHBZ is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 52 weeks per year. To provide such a facility, the congregation depends upon gifts and contributions above and beyond members' dues. In giving to NHBZ, you fulfill an important mitzvah. We have established numerous ways to contribute to NHBZ listed below. Call the office at 314-993-4024 for details.

- **TRIBUTES** - Honor someone's simcha or good health or a loved one's memory
- **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN** - Help build our new shul
- **SYNAGOGUE HONORS** - It is customary to make a donation to the congregation for an Aliyah or other honors
- **SPECIAL GIFTS CAMPAIGN** - A special gift is a donation above and beyond annual dues and any specific funds.
- **SPONSORSHIPS** - Sponsor kiddush, Soda, Shalosh Seudos, or this bulletin
- **PLAQUES** - Honor or memorialize friends, relatives and events
- **BOOK FUNDS** - Purchase, repair or dedicate books
- **EDUCATIONAL FUNDS** - Help students and teachers

NHBZ needs YOU!

NHBZ is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 52 weeks per year; We need your help; whatever your skills, we have an opportunity for you: office work, cooking, pickup and delivery, repairs, Pizza night, Sukkah raising, outreach committee, building committee, you-name-it! Call the office for details.



Even me?



Did you know?

Learner's Service

***Join us every Shabbos
10:30 am - 11:30 am in the NHBZ Chapel***

Deepen your understanding of the Shabbat Synagogue Service. Our Learner's Service includes singing and a lively discussion of the structure and meaning of our prayers. It is ideal for both the novice and the experienced. All are cordially invited -- bring your curiosity and questions!

***Led on alternate weeks by
Rabbi Chanan Swidler of Aish HaTorah
and educator Jonathan Stern***

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Do you buy them at Walgreens or CVS?
Do you buy them monthly?*

Well! Do we have a deal for you!

You can use a pre-paid cash-card for your purchases and earn money for NHBZ!

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*If 25 people do this,
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