# **NHBZ Shabbos & Pesach Bulletin**

April 14 & 15, 2012

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

21 & 22 Nissan, 5772

Thanks to **Jessica Fadem** for donating the beautiful floral arrangements that adorn our bima for these last two days of Pesach.

## **Erev Yom Tov - Thursday, April 12**

• *Mincha & Maariv* (7:00 pm)

• Candle Lighting (7:16 pm)

## Seventh Day of Passover - Friday, April 13

 Torah Portion:
 Exodus 13:17 - 15:26
 Siddur pp 509 - 511
 Chumash pp 366 - 383

 Maftir:
 Numbers 28:19 - 28:25
 Siddur p 512
 Chumash pp 892 - 893

 Haftorah:
 II Samuel 22:1 - 22:51
 Siddur pp 512 - 513
 Chumash pp 1224 - 1226

- Shachris & Musaf (9:00 am) Thank you for leading services:
  - Pesukei D'Zimra: *Howard Sandler*
- Haftorah: Ron Makovsky
- Shacharis: Ron Makovsky
- Sermon: Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

- Leyning: Mayer Weisel

- Musaf: *Dr. Ethan Schuman*
- Kiddush (following Musaf) is sponsored by Ron & Ina Makovsky,
   Dr. Milton Tofle, and the NHBZ Sisterhood.



• Mincha (7:00 pm), Light Yom Tov Candles (after 7:17)



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## Shabbos & Eighth Day of Passover - Saturday, April 14

 Torah Portion:
 Deuteronomy 14:22 - 16:17 Siddur pp 513 - 515
 Chumash pp 1012 - 1023

 Maftir:
 Numbers 28:19 - 28:25
 Siddur p 512
 Chumash pp 892 - 893

 Haftorah:
 Isaiah 10:32 - 12:6
 Siddur pp 516 - 517
 Chumash pp 1226 - 1227

• **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:

- Haftorah: *David Rubin* 

Pesukei D'Zimra: Howard SandlerShacharis: Menachem Szus

- Sermon: Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

- Leyning: Rabbi Josh Strosberg & Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

- Musaf: David Rubin

- Kiddush (following Musaf) sponsored by the NHBZ Sisterhood; Sam & Shirley Bluestein; Shirley Fredlich; Adrienne Jackson & Cynthia Grossman Geller in memory of Victor Grossman; Leo Bressler, in honor of all his grandchildren being together for Pesach Elie from New York, Dana & Eli from Israel, and Micky from St. Louis.
- 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 downstairs.

• **Yizkor** (10:30 am)

No Learners Service today

■ Mincha & Seudas HaMashiach (6:30 pm) ■ Shabbos & Yom Tov Conclude (after 8:21)

## **This Week**

Davening Times	Shabbos Apr 14	Sun. Apr 15	Mon. Apr 16	Tues. Apr 17	Wed. Apr 18	Thur. Apr 19	Fri. Apr 20	Shabbos Apr 21
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	6:30 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:10 pm
Events	Pesach; Yizkor	Rap; Tanya	Buy Cash Cards	Board Meeting	L & L; <i>Pizza</i>	Shechita	Erev Shabbos	Shabbos

- **Sunday Learning -** (Resumes Sunday, April 22, 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, April 15, 10:00 am) with Rabbi Smason, for young men and women; at Starbucks at Olive & Price; with complimentary drinks to all participants!
- Tanya Class (Sunday, April 15, 8:00 pm) at NHBZ lower level.
- Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn (Wednesday, April 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.
- Carry-Out Pizza Night Returns (Wednesday, April 18) perfect timing right after Pesach!!!
- **Shechita Class** (Thursday, April 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.
- Buy and Use Cash Cards (Monday Friday) Next order dates are Monday, April 16 and Monday
   April 30; buy 'em before these dates and earn free money for NHBZ.

## **Coming Events**

- Yom HaShoah Commemoration (Sunday, April 22, 4:00 pm) at Temple Israel.
- **Dine-In Pizza Night** (Last Sunday, April 29, 5:00 pm 7:00 pm)
- NHBZ Women's Home Study Group (First Tuesday, May 1, 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, May 3, 7:30 pm) Join us for a spirited hour filled with Yiddish stories, songs and laughter; "mavens" as well as novices are welcome.
- Pre-Lag B'Omer Pancake Breakfast (Sunday, May 6, 10:00 am)
- H.H. Bremler Memorial Program (Sunday, May 6, 1:00 pm)
- Irvin Alper Social Club (First Sunday, May 6, 5:00 pm)
- **Semi-Annual Membership Meeting** (Tuesday, May 8, 7:30 pm)
- synapiexiii (Shabbos, May 12)

## **Meetings**

- Board of Directors (Tuesday, April 17, 7:30 pm, following minyan at 7:00 pm) New Date!
- Executive Committee (Tuesday, April 24, 7:30 pm, following minyan at 7:00 pm)

## **Reminders**

- 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.
- Buy a Brick Online or by Phone Our website now accepts online donations for the Brick and Planting Campaign; go to <a href="http://www.nhbz.org/dedications.asp">http://www.nhbz.org/dedications.asp</a> or call the office at 314-991-2100.
- Donate a Book Did you know you can purchase a Siddur, Chumash, or other prayer books or study books for NHBZ as a tribute? Contact the office for details.
- **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: office work, cooking, pickup and delivery, repairs, Pizza night, Sukkah raising, outreach committee, building committee; please call the office to volunteer.



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## 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.

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## Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates



Airplane etiquette seems to have gone the way of the in-flight meal and complimentary blanket. When traveling by air, you're sometimes forced to rub elbows (literally) for extended periods of time with people you don't know. There are two ways we can look at an airplane

flight: a series of tiring inconveniences punctuated by difficult people, or an opportunity to be an ambassador for the Jewish People and G-d.

Assuming that we all want to be in the latter category, here are some "Guidelines for the Jewish Travel Ambassador":

**Don't be an Armrest Bandit:** Airplane space is limited so when it comes to sharing the two inches of arm rest space remember the simple rule: the arm rest is split 50/50. Don't hog the arm rest -- that's not kosher!

**Don't be a Rapid Recliner**: The Rapid Recliner is the one who immediately leans back as soon as the wheels are off the ground. And avoid grabbing the seat back as you walk in the aisle or in your row. It can be unpleasantly jarring to the person sitting in that seat.

**Be Pleasant and Friendly:** Make sure you say "Have a nice day" and "Thank You" to people with whom you speak: the flight attendants; the security personnel and the pilots.

**Be Helpful:** When you board the flight, keep an eye out for someone struggling to put his or her bag into the overhead locker. Bound over and say, "Excuse me, can I help?" In the arrival area, see if someone needs help removing their heavy case from the carousel.

Whether or not we fly Ambassador Class, each of us is a Jewish Travel Ambassador. *Kiddush Hashem* (sanctifying G-d's Name) -- It's the o-o-only way to fly!

#### **Passover**



The seventh day of Passover begins on Thursday evening, April 12. On Friday, the Torah reading is from Ex-odus 13:17-15:26. This reading con-tains the description of the splitting of the Red

Sea, and the Song of the sea. On Shabbos, the eighth day of Passover, the Torah reading is from Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17. In chapter 16, the pilgrimage festivals (including Passover) are discussed.

A way of summarizing these three major festivals is: Passover is the holiday where you can't eat WHATEVER you want, but you can eat WHEREVER you want. Succos is the holiday where you can eat WHATEVER you want, but you can't eat WHEREVER you want. And Shavuos is the holiday where you can eat WHATEVER you want, WHEREVER you want, but you can't eat too much because it's only two days long!

## Rabbinic Ruminations



What is the probability that you know someone randomly selected from anywhere else on the planet? While you probably won't know that person directly, what is the chance you know

someone, who knows someone ...(and so on) ...who does know that person? Back in the 1960s, social psychologist Stanley Milgram tested human interconnectedness by sending letters to random people and asking them to forward it to someone who might be more likely to know the target person. He found that on average it would take 5.2 intermediaries for his letter to go from the first person to its destination, via each person's social network. Milgram took this study, along with other research, to demonstrate that we really do live in a small world. The theory inspired the trivia game 'Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon' in which participants try to link any given actor back to an appearance with Kevin Bacon in as few moves as possible.

While some point out that a claim for 'six-degrees of separation' could be an academic myth, in 2006 Milgram's theory received a shot in the arm with the publication of a study of 30 billion instant messaging conversations between 240 million people around the world. Examining this data - the largest social network ever analyzed - the researchers found that the average number of hops between any two instant messenger users was 6.6 - slightly higher than Milgram's finding.

At times the world may seem a cold, isolated and forbidding place. However we're only a few social steps away from everyone else in the world. Additionally we're related to every human on the planet. After all, one person (Adam) was created as the common ancestor of all people. Hillel taught, "....Love humanity ...." (Ethics of the Fathers 1:12) And why not? We're only one step away from a cousin.

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## Quote of the Week

"Hope is not a strategy. We don't spend a lot of time counting on things we can't control."

-- Bill Ayer, CEO Alaska Airlines

## Joke of the Week

Bill Gates advertised for a new chairman of Microsoft. Among the 5000 candidates who show up at the job screening is Maury Cohen. Bill Gates asks all those who are not familiar with the JAVA programming language to leave; 2000 people rise and leave the room. Cohen says to himself, "I don't know this language but what have I got to lose if I stay? I'll give it a try". Bill Gates then asks all those who have no experience of managing teams of more than 100 people to leave. Another 2000 people go. Cohen says to himself, "I've never managed anybody, but what's the worst that can happen if I stay?" Then all candidates without outstanding academic qualifications

are asked to leave; 500 people remove themselves. Cohen says to himself, "I left school at 15 but what have I got to lose if I stay?", so he stays in the room. Lastly, Bill Gates asks all of the candidates who do not speak the Serbo-Croat language to rise and leave; 498 people rise and leave the room. Cohen says himself, "I don't speak Serbo-Croat but what the heck! I'll learn it. Have I got anything to lose?" He finds himself alone with one other candidate. Everyone else has gone. Bill Gates says: "Apparently you are the only two candidates who meet all the rigorous qualifications. I'd like to hear you converse with one another in Serbo-Croatian."

Cohen calmly turns to the other candidate and says: "Shema Yisrael Hashem Elokaynu, Hashem Echad" The other candidate answers: "Baruch Shem Kavod Malchuso L'Olam va'ed."



Mazel Tov On Simchas This Week Apr 21 - Apr 27

Happy Birthday

Fran Reisler Evan Woolf Charles Waxman

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 Chesed Fund: Drop by the office for a Card Pack

## <u>Minyan Men</u>

Davening times return to regular schedule this week. If you do not regularly attend minyan once or twice a week, now is a good time to start.

Mayer Taller:997-0927 Howard Sandler:409-7266 Rabbi Smason:749-5271 NHBZ Office:991-2100



## PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA at NHBZ!!!

CARRY OUT NIGHT RETURNS: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18 !!

Hot pizza will be waiting for you to pick up!!
Or, order an un-cooked pizza
to freeze or bake at home!!

Cheese Pizza: \$12.00 Toppings: 75 c each Extra-Cheese, mushrooms, onions, tomatoes, basil, green peppers, sliced olives, pineapple

PLACE YOUR ORDER ~ 314-991-2100, ext. 2 Deadline to Order: 12:00 noon on April 18

NEXT DINE-IN NIGHT IS APRIL 29

## **ISRAEL CORNER**

The Dead Sea in Israel is the lowest point on earth, 1,315 feet below sea level at its lowest point.

Monument Dedication for

## Morris Fredlich, z"I

Sunday, April 29th, 12:30 p.m. Chesed Shel Emes Cemetery on White Road

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## Stump the Rabbi

Ask Rabbi Smason questions about Judaism. You can ask your questions in person, or by email at: Pepshort613@gmail.com

**Question**: What is **Yizkor**,

and when is it said?

**Answer:** Yizkor is a time to connect and feel close to a loved one who has departed. Four times a year a memorial service for the deceased takes place in the synagogue following the Torah and Haftorah reading on these days:

Yom Kippur, the last day of Passover, the second day of Shavuos and Shmini Atzeres.

The prayer said at that time is called Yizkor, from the opening words *Yizkor Elokim* ("May G-d remember..."). It is said by every person who has suffered the loss of a parent. The deceased is mentioned by name in the prayer. Yizkor also contains a pledge to charity, for we believe that an act of tzedaka, in addition to its intrinsic merit, contributes to elevating the soul of the departed.

Yizkor is said on the three major festivals because the Torah reading for those days includes the verse: "They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each with his own gift, according to the blessing that the Lord your G-d bestowed upon you (Deut. 16:17)." Yizkor with its pledge to tzedaka, also serves this purpose.

#### Seudas HaMashiach

Shabbos, April 14, following Mincha at 6:30 pm

**Seudas HaMashiach** (meal of the messiah) is a custom instituted by the Baal Shem Tov, the founder of the Chasidic movement. The seuda is a type of "final-seder" in the closing hours of the last day of Passover, often complete with matzah and four cups of wine. These are hours, say the Chasidic masters, when time relinquishes its last hold upon our lives; when the future, too, can be remembered, and the Era of the Messiah tasted and digested as the Exodus is on the seder night.

We at NHBZ join together on the last day of Pesach to celebrate this unique custom with singing, Divrei Torah, and delicious Pesach food. You are welcome to bring any *unopened* Pesach food to help supplement our *Seudas HaMashiach*.

(Those outside the eruv should bring their Pesach food before Shabbos.)

## **Getting to Know You**

by Roving Reporter Robin Rickerman

This week featuring Alan Haber.

Tell me a bit about your family history.



My parents were from New York. My father was from Polish descendents and my mother Spanish. I am from a family of five. I have an older sister in Milwaukee, and a younger brother in Chicago. We were

raised in Tucson. My father was the executive director of four Synagogues. I have been involved with building three Synagogues. I am married to my lovely wife Janet. We have two daughters. My older daughter Naomi is married to Boris with two grandsons, and a granddaughter is expected on August 31. My baby daughter, Aliza, is getting married in June, to Micah Miller a rabbinical student following in the footsteps of his father Rabbi Mordechai Miller from BSKI.

What is your favorite holiday and why?
Sukkos. It makes for a joyful family get together.

What is something about you that most people don't know?

I have been a DJ, a chicken farmer in Israel, and a manager of five McDonald's restaurants in California.

How did we become so fortunate to have you as a member of Nusach Hari?

Janet and I married in 2001. We were invited to join a few Synagogues. When we came to Nusach to hear the Rabbi speak, we found that in his drasha there was a beginning, middle and end, and we were very impressed with him.

If you could travel, ANY WHERE IN THE WORLD, where would you go and what would you do? Would love to go to New Zealand to go scuba diving.

# Community-Wide Yom HaShoah Commemoration

Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm Congregation Temple Israel

"Survivors Among Us: Stories From the Shoah"

The program will feature testimonies by St. Louis Survivors recounting their experiences during this tragic period of history. It will also include liturgical readings, a traditional candle-lighting ceremony, and music appropriate for this annual observance.

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## NHBZ Pesach Schedule 5772 (2012)

A big thank you to our **Sisterhood** for their generous donation to help sponsor all the Pesach Kiddushim!

## <u> April 5 - Thursday Evening</u>

#### April 6 - Friday, Erev Pesach

#### April 7 - Shabbos, First Day of Pesach

#### April 8 - Sunday, Second Day of Pesach

#### April 9 - 12, Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu Chol Hamoed

### April 12 - Thursday Eve, Erev Yom Tov

#### April 13 - Friday, Seventh Day of Pesach

#### April 14 - Saturday, Eighth Day of Pesach

Important Note: You must wait at least 60 minutes, until 9:21 pm, so that the Rabbi has time to buy back your chometz and until you put away Pesach utensils before eating chometz.

## PEARL'S PESACH DREAM

I dreamed a funny dream last night That I have had before – It seems that I was in the kitchen Kneeling on the floor.

My head was in the oven – That's where it had to stay, Until I managed, finally To scrub the dirt away.

And as I worked, my heart was filled With sorrow and despair, So many things still left to do, And "Chometz" everywhere.

So overwhelming was the work That I began to weep, 'Twas then that the alarm clock rang And woke me from my sleep.

But as I woke, I realized With laughter and with glee – That Pesach, that Sweet Holiday, Had passed, and I was free.

Oh – Thank you G-d, dear L-rd above I prayed, right there and then, For helping me live through it now, And hopefully, again.

#### Pearl Borow



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