



NHBZ Shabbos And Pesach Bulletin

April 16, 2011

12 Nisan, 5771

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

Torah Portion Acharei Mos
Haftorah:

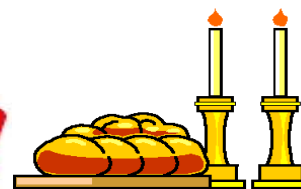
Leviticus 12:1 - 16:1
Amos 9:7 - 9:15

Stone Chumash pages 636 - 655
Stone Chumash pages 1173 - 1174

This bulletin is sponsored by Craig & Jackie Berkin in honor of Sid Silverman's birthday!
Shabbos

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
 - Shacharis: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
 - Leyning: **Michael Shapiro**
 - Haftorah: **Alex Lyss**
 - Sermon: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
 - Musaf: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
- **Learners Service** (10:30 am) - Led by **Rabbi Chanan Swidler** or **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 **Jonathan & Naomi Shanker** for sponsoring Kiddush to celebrate **Sam's** 1st birthday. Thanks to **"POP-Star"** of the week **Sarah Klein** for sponsoring soda, who wishes everyone a happy healthy and enjoyable Passover.
- **Shabbos HaGodol** - Today is the Shabbos before Pesach. It commemorates the 10th day of Nissan, when the Hebrew slaves took the lambs that they were going to offer for Pesach and tied them up outside their homes, to keep until they offered them on the 14th of Nissan. This was a very dangerous thing to do, because Egyptians worshipped sheep; but miraculously, instead of slaughtering the Hebrews, the Egyptians fought with each other over whether the Hebrews should be sent away already. Some have the custom of reading a special haftorah today, Malachi 3:4 - 3:24, which tells about the return of Elijah the prophet and the coming of the Messiah. We believe that Elijah will return at Pesach, and that is why we include a cup of wine for him at the seder.
- **Shabbos Study Group** (6:15 pm) - Studies in Tanach, led by **Menachem Szus**; everyone at any level of learning is welcome; now studying Yeshayahu (Isaiah).
- **Boys' Mishna Study Group** (6:30 pm) - With **Rabbi Smason**, for boys ages 10-17.
- **Mincha / Shalosh Seudos** (7:00 pm) - sponsored by **Boris & Alla Yasinev** in memory of their beloved father, **Moisey Yasinev**.
- **Shabbos concludes** (8:23 pm)

שבת שלום



This Week

	Shabbos Apr. 16	Sun. Apr. 17	Mon. Apr. 18	Tues. Apr. 19	Wed. Apr. 20	Thur. Apr. 21	Fri. Apr. 22	Shabbos Apr. 23
● Davening Times								
Shachris	9:00 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	9:00 am	9:00 am	6:45 am	6:45 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:20 pm	7:20 pm	7:20 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:10 pm
			Erev Yom Tov	Yom Tov	YomTov	Chol Hamoed	Chol Hamoed	Chol Hamoed

- **Sunday Learning with Rabbi Swidler** (will not take place April 17 or 24, resuming May 1)
- **RAP with the RABBI Teen Group** - no class tomorrow, April 17, or next week April 24; class resumes on Sunday, May 1.
- **Sell Chametz** - Tomorrow is the last time; see **Rabbi Smason** after minyan on Sunday; it is customary to donate to the Rabbi's Charity Fund if **Rabbi Smason** is your agent for selling chametz.

- **Maos Chittim** (literally 'money for wheat') - The Vaad Hoeir of St. Louis conducts its annual Maos Chittim campaign to assist people in the St. Louis community, as well as in Israel, who need help to properly celebrate Pesach; see picture ad for more details.
- **Dine-in Pizza Night** (Sunday, April 17, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm) - One day before Pesach, leave the Chometz cooking to us! There is no Pizza Night on the last Sunday of the April (during Pesach).
- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** - No class this week; next class Wednesday, April 27.

First Day of Passover - Tuesday, April 19

Torah Portion:	Exodus 12:21 - 12:51	Siddur pp 496 - 497	Chumash pp 354 - 361
Maftir:	Numbers 28:16 - 28:25	Siddur p 497	Chumash pp 892 - 893
Haftorah:	Joshua 3:5-7, 5:2-6:1, 6:27	Siddur pp 497 - 498	Chumash pp 1221 - 1222

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Ron Makovsky**
 - Shacharis: **Menachem Szus**
 - Leyning: **Kenny Bressler**
 - Haftorah: **Jack Lyss**
 - Sermon: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
 - Musaf: **David Rubin**
- **Kiddush** (following Musaf) - is sponsored by **Jeff Baker & Murray Baker**.
- **Mincha** (7:20 pm), **Light Candles and Second Seder** (after 8:26)

Second Day of Passover - Wednesday, April 20

Torah Portion:	Leviticus 22:26 - 23:44	Siddur pp 498 - 500	Chumash pp 680 - 691
Maftir:	Numbers 28:16 - 28:25	Siddur pp 500 - 501	Chumash pp 892 - 893
Haftorah:	II Kings 23:1-9, 23:21-25	Siddur p 501	Chumash pp 1222 - 1223

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Ron Makovsky**
 - Shacharis: **Menachem Szus**
 - Leyning: **TBA**
 - Haftorah: **Lenny Alper**
 - Sermon: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
 - Musaf: **David Rubin**
- **Kiddush** (following Musaf) - sponsored by **Sam & Shirley Bluestein** and **Irwin & Rosalind Rosen**.
- **Mincha** (7:00 pm), **Yom Tov Concludes** (after 8:27)

Coming Events

- **Irvin Alper Social Club** - There will be no meeting in April.
- **NHBZ Sisterhood** - There will be no events in April.
- **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group** (First Tuesday, May 3, 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 5, 7:30 pm) - Join us for a spirited hour filled with Yiddish stories, songs and laughter; seasoned "mavens" as well as novices are welcome.
- **Next Carry-Out Pizza Night** (Wednesday, May 11) - There is no carry-out Pizza Night in April.
- **Memorial Day Brunch & Learn** - (Monday, May 30) Shachris at 8:00 am followed by brunch; then **Rabbi Smason** will speak on the topic "Four Types of Students"

Pesach Kosher Alert

- **Aicha - White Truffles Champignons Terfess** - Mislabeled: Consumers of this OU-P product should verify that the letters "DA" and "RDSL" are part of the ink-jet code on the top of the can; If the letters "DA" and "RDSL" are not included in the code, the product is not certified by the Orthodox Union

Reminders

- **Synagogue Honors** - It is customary to make a donation to the synagogue for an Aliyah or other synagogue honors received.



***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 Acharei Mos

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Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates

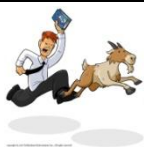
For the past two years, Laura Miller of Pittsburgh has engaged in missions of anonymous acts of kindness, leaving small gifts for strangers and inspiring 'affiliated agents' around the world. The 'Secret Agent L' project has blossomed into an international phenomenon, with over 1,600 Affiliated Agents sharing in the fun and selflessness around the world. Secret Agent L's colorful, fun website documents in words and photos her missions at a variety of locations (libraries, retail stores) leaving small books, tickets to shows and, often, cards and notes.

Laura loves the excitement of placing the gift, taking photos and sneaking away before being noticed—or before the gift is found. "I've never wanted to see who finds it; it's more fun to imagine," she says. Her e-mail address is printed on the trademark cards and notes she leaves with each gift, and occasionally recipients will e-mail her with their reactions. "This project is the greatest honor of my life," she says. "Every mission touches my heart ... I feel so incredibly blessed to be a part of this international kindness movement. I truly believe this is my life's work."

The Torah begins with an act of kindness: G-d clothed Adam and Eve. And the Torah ends with an act of kindness: G-d personally carried Moses to his final resting place and buried him there. *Chesed*, the Hebrew word for loving-kindness, is a central Torah value and a foundation of a meaningful Jewish life. The quality of our *chesed* increases exponentially when performed anonymously. Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness. Kindness, like a boomerang, always returns -- particularly in the form of the pleasure we receive when we give to others.

Parshas Acharei Mos: Leviticus 16:1 - 18:30 & Passover

Acharei Mos begins with a lengthy description of the special Yom Kippur service to be performed in the Mishkan by the Kohen Gadol. The service included the lottery selection from amongst two identical goats, one of which would become a national sin offering and the other which would be pushed off a cliff in the desert as the bearer of the people's sins (the 'scapegoat'). We



also find described the command that Yom Kippur and its laws of fasting and refraining from work be observed eternally by the Jewish people as a day of atonement. Acharei Mos concludes with a listing of the immoral and forbidden sexual relationships, and the command that the Jewish people maintain and ensure the holiness of the land of Israel.

This coming Monday evening, April 18, begins the major festival of Passover. Passover, known in Hebrew as Pesach, is a national birthday party; it was then that the 'Children of Israel' --- who later became the 'People of Israel' -- began their march through history with the exodus from Egypt. Passover is the celebration of the beginning of our mission to become a 'Light unto the nations.' May you and your families have a meaningful and joyous holiday.

On the first day of Passover, Tuesday, the Torah reading is from Exodus 12:21-51. This reading describes the Exodus from Egypt and the Passover offering. On the second day of Passover, Wednesday, the Torah reading is from Leviticus 22:26 -- 23:44. This reading describes journeying to the Holy Temple in Jerusalem on the three pilgrimage festivals (Passover, Shevuous, Sukkos) and the counting of the Omer.

Rabbinic Ruminations

Wetsuits have been in use since the early 1950s. The wetsuit, made of foamed neoprene, has become an important part of the gear for divers, surfers, and other cold-water sports enthusiasts. The concept of a wetsuit is that it provides thermal insulation through bubbles of gas enclosed within the wetsuit material, which reduces its ability to conduct heat. The wetsuit also provides abrasion resistance and buoyancy. Over the years, technological advances have led to different types of wetsuits made for different uses and for different temperatures. The wetsuit is an impressive invention -- but not quite as impressive as our own 'miracle garment' -- our skin.



Skin, the largest organ of your body, doesn't just cover you. It functions as protective wrapping. Along with a layer of fat underneath, it insulates you against all kinds of bumps, bangs and wear and tear. It keeps germs and water OUT and keeps your body's fluids and salts IN. In the course of a lifetime we shed our skin a

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. 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 help in distributing BTG.

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thousand times, shedding over 40 lb. Skin is alive. It's made of many thin sheets of layers of flat, stacked cells in which are found nerves, blood vessels, hair follicles, glands and sensory receptors. Older cells are constantly being pushed to the surface by new cells which grow from below. When the old ones reach the top, they end up popping off like tiles blown from a roof in a strong wind. In fact, every minute 30,000-40,000 dead skin cells fall from your body. In approximately a month's time, your body has made a whole new layer of skin cells. "Mah Rabu Ma'asecha, HaShem" -- G-d, how great are your works!"

Quote of the Week

"What is the least often heard sentence in the English language? That would be: "Say, isn't that the banjo player's Porsche parked outside?" -- Jackson Browne (American rock singer-songwriter)



Joke of the Week

Digging to a depth of 1,000 yards last year, French scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 1,000 years.

The French came to the conclusion that their ancestors had a telephone network centuries ago.

Not to be outdone by the French, English scientists dug to a depth of 2,000 yards. Shortly thereafter headlines in the UK newspapers read: "English archaeologists have found traces of a 2,000-year-old fiber-optic cable and have concluded that their ancestors had an advanced high-tech digital communications network a thousand years earlier than the French."

One week later, Israeli newspapers reported the following: "After digging as deep as 3,000 yards in a Jerusalem marketplace, they found absolutely nothing. We conclude that 5,000 years ago Jews were using wireless technology."

(thanks to Yehuda Schupper)



Pre-paid Cash-Card Program

Do you buy prescriptions?

Do you buy them at Walgreens or CVS?

Do you buy **anything** at Walgreens or CVW?

Well! Then you can help NHBZ!

Use a pre-paid cash-card for your purchases and earn money for NHBZ!

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Don't hesitate to call if you have questions
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NOW, you can purchase Kohn's Scrip in the NHBZ office in increments of \$25. Use it at Kohn's just like money. NHBZ earns 5% on each purchase. You need to eat; why not use scrip?

SOLD OUT UNTIL AFTER PESACH!!
THANKS TO THOSE WHO HELPED NHBZ!!

CALL US WITH YOUR GRADUATES!

Before you know it, we will be heading into Graduation Time. Do you have a graduate in your family? Please call our office, 314-991-2100, EXT. 2, and give us the names and schools so we can wish you and your graduates a big Mazel Tov!



Did you know...
that NHBZ provides babysitting
every single Shabbos starting at 10:30 am?
. . . We do. Pass the word.

NOTICE:

Sandie will be out of town for Pesach, leaving Sunday, April 17th, and returning to the office on Monday, May 2nd.

You can buy Cash Cards and Kohn's Scrip then!



Pesach Schedule

April 17 - Sunday Evening

Bedikas Chometz (Search)..... After 8:24 pm

April 18 - Monday, Erev Pesach

Shachris..... 7:00 am
 Siyum for First Born..... After Shachris
 conducted by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
Mechiras Chometz (Sell Chometz)..... By 7:30 am
 Finish Eating Chometz..... By 10:23 am
 Biyur Chometz (Burn Chometz)..... By 11:41 am
 Bitul Chometz (Annull Chometz)..... 11:41 am
 Mincha/Maariv..... 7:20 pm
 Bench Light (Light Candles) 7:22 pm
 First Seder..... After 8:25 pm

April 19 - Tuesday, First Day of Pesach

Shachris 9:00 am
 Sermon by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason
 Kiddush sponsored by **Jeff Baker** and **Murray Baker**
 Mincha/Maariv..... 7:20 pm
 Bench Light & Second Seder..... After 8:26 pm

April 20 - Wednesday, Second Day of Pesach

Shachris..... 9:00 am
 Kiddush sponsored by **Sam & Shirley Bluestein**
 and **Irwin & Rosalind Rosen**
 Mincha/Maariv..... 7:00 pm
 Yom Tov Concludes..... 8:27 pm

April 21 & 22 - Thursday & Friday Chol Hamoed

Shachris..... 6:45 am
 Mincha/Maariv..... 7:00 pm
 Bench Light Friday Night..... 7:26 pm

April 23 - Shabbos Chol Hamoed

Shachris..... 9:00 am
 Kiddush sponsored by the **NHBZ SISTERHOOD**
 Mincha/Maariv..... 7:10 pm
 Shabbos Concludes..... 8:30 pm

April 24 - Sunday, Erev Yom Tov

Shachris 8:00 am
 Mincha/Maariv..... 7:25 pm
 Bench Light (Light Candles)..... 7:28 pm

April 25 - Monday, Seventh Day of Pesach

Shachris 9:00 am
Sermon by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason
 Kiddush sponsored by **Adrienne Jackson**
 & **Cynthia Geller** in memory of **Victor Grossman**,
 and by **Dr. Milton Tofle** and **Ron & Ina Makovsky**
 Mincha/Maariv..... 7:25 pm
 Bench Light (Light Candles) 8:32 pm or After

April 26 - Tuesday, Eighth Day of Pesach

Shachris 9:00 am
Sermon by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason
 Yizkor..... 10:30 am
 Kiddush Sponsored by **Bob & Sandie Abrams**
 and **Morris & Shirley Fredlich**
 Mincha..... 7:25 pm
 Pesach Concludes..... 8:33 pm

Important Note: You must wait at least 60 minutes, until 9:33 pm, so that the Rabbi has time to buy back your chometz, and you put away your Pesach utensils, before eating chometz.



PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA at NHBZ!!!

Lion's Den Pizza Night

**LAST CHANCE PRE-PESACH DINE- IN
SUNDAY, APRIL 17 !!**

"Leave the Pre-Pesach Chometz Cookin' to us"

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 4-10: \$6.00 Adults: \$10.00

NO CARRY-OUT NIGHT IN APRIL



Mazel Tov

**On Simchas this week!
April 16 - April 23, 2011**

Happy Birthday

Steve Marbain

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

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

Synagogue Tribute

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Sisterhood Tribute

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

Libby Needle Fund Tribute

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

Maos Chittim - The Vaad Hoeir of St. Louis conducts its Maos Chittim campaign to assist people in the St. Louis community, as well as in Israel, who need help to properly celebrate Pesach. Make checks payable to **Vaad Hoeir Moas Chittim**. Send checks to the Vaad Hoeir with a notation: "from Nusach Hari B'nai Zion"; or send them to our office and we will forward them to the Vaad.

From the desk of
Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

"Gut Yom Tov" means happy holiday. **"Gut Pesach"** means happy Passover. **"Gut yahr"** means have a happy year. The inherent optimism of Judaism, recognized universally, is on display on this Yom Tov. From where does this optimism on Pesach come?

Pesach is an "up" holiday. On it, families gather in unusually large numbers with extended family and invited guests, and together read the Haggadah. The Haggadah is a beloved text among the Jewish people, and it describes the strenuous and tragic details of slavery and of the freedom from Egyptian slave-masters. Nonetheless, it is the optimism that we survived then and can survive another travesty, that makes it a celebration of freedom and survival. **"B'chol Dor va'dor,"** in every generation, the Haggadah tells us, we confront major enemies, and folded into that message, is that in every generation we have nonetheless succeeded. Even beyond the Seder optimism can be felt at this time of year. Pesach occurs in the month of Nisan — the month of *aviv*, springtime. Spring is a time of warmth and renewal of beauty and fragrance. There's even a special brocha said in the month of Nisan to be recited when first seeing blossoms of fruit trees. The weather in St. Louis — and certainly in Israel — is usually glorious at this time. Warm but not hot, and the smells and sights of springtime and renewed life fill our souls. In *Shir HaShirim*, King Solomon described it thusly: **"the times of the rain are passed, the time of the songbird has arrived, the blossoms of the trees are seen throughout the land."** Aren't these sights and sounds real and present before our eyes at this time of year?

Pesach inspires me with optimism, and I find particular reason to be optimistic in looking at our wonderful shul as this time of year approaches. Our new building is rising before our eyes, and on the verge of being completed. Wonderful programs and classes in the offing. New members and families, and an engaged, hardworking Board of Directors and officers. Pesach 2011 is a great time to be alive — and a wonderful time to be together with you at Nusach Hari Bnai Zion.

My Rebbitzin Chani joins me in wishing you a **Chag Kosher V'Sameach** (a joyous Holiday) this coming Yom Tov.

Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

