

NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

April 28, 2012

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

6 Iyar, 5772

Torah Portions Tazria-Metzora
Haftorah Metzora

Leviticus 12:1 – 15:33
II Kings 7:3 – 7:20

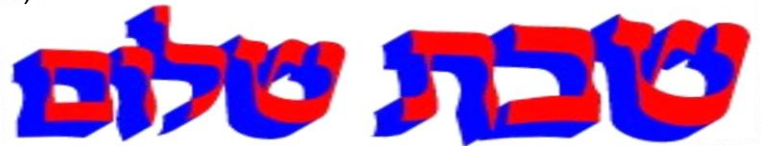
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Erev Shabbos - Friday, April 27

- **Mincha & Maariv** (7:00 pm)
- **Candle Lighting** (7:31 pm)

Shabbos - Saturday, April 28

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
 - Shacharis: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
 - Leyning: **Dr. Larry Gornish**
 - Haftorah: **Rabbi Howard Graber**
 - Sermon: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
 - Musaf: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
- **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 on the lower level.
- **Learners Service** (10:15 am) - led by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**, in the Chapel on the lower level.
- **Kiddush** (following Musaf) – in honor of Yom Ha'Atzmaut; thanks to **Menachem** and **Linda Szus** for sponsoring a special cookie in honor of **Micky's** birthday TODAY!!! And, everyone at NHBZ wishes **William** a happy birthday, also TODAY, with a second special cookie!!! **please** move to the Social Hall and be seated quickly; pour a cup of wine or grape juice, and remain quiet until **Rabbi Smason** says Kiddush.
- **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).
- **Mincha/Shalosh Seudos/Ma'ariv** (7:15 pm)
- **Shabbos Concludes** (8:35 pm)



This Week

Davening Times	Shabbos April 28	Sun. Apr 29	Mon. Apr 30	Tues. May 1	Wed. May 2	Thur. May 3	Fri. May 4	Shabbos May 5
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	7:15 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	6:30 pm	7:20 pm
Events	Study Group; Shalosh Seudos	Learn; RAP; Pizza; Tanya	Cash Cards; Women's Guide	Women's Home Study Group	Lunch & Learn	Shechita Class; Yiddish Club	Early Mincha/Ma'ariv	Shabbos

- **Sunday Learning** - (Sunday, April 29, 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 29, 10:00 am) - with **Rabbi Smason**, for young men and women; at Starbucks at Olive & Price; with complimentary drinks to all participants!
- **Dine-In Pizza Night** (THIS Sunday, April 29, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm)
- **Epstein Hebrew Academy Scholarship Banquet** (Sunday, April 29, 5:30 pm) - at the Ritz Carlton, honoring **Dr. George** and **Darla Grossberg** along with **Mrs. Joan Heber** and **Mr. Michael Shapiro**; for more information or to make a reservation, please contact the school office at 994-7856.
- **Tanya Class** (Sunday, April 29, 8:00 pm) – at NHBZ lower level.

- **New Program – Women’s Guide to Time** (Monday, April 30, 7:30 pm) – presented by Rebbitzin Chani Smason; see picture ad for details of this exciting new program!
- **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!
- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** (Wednesday, May 2, 12:15 pm) - in the Teen Lounge; Now studying *Pirkei Avos (Ethics of the Fathers)* in English.
- **Shechita Class** (Thursday, May 3, 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.
- **Morris Lengua 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.
- **Buy and Use Cash Cards** (Monday – Friday) – Next order dates are **Monday, April 30** and **Tuesday, May 15**; buy 'em before these dates and earn free money for NHBZ.

Coming Events

- **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) – join us for supper, social hour, and movie; all for only \$7; please RSVP to Ruth Alper at (314) 569-2877.
-  (Shabbos, May 12) – featuring U.S. Representative Russ Carnahan; lunch in honor of April and May birthdays and anniversaries; see picture ad.
- **NHBZ Sisterhood Luncheon and Bingo** (Tuesday, May 15, Noon) – Everyone is welcome; honoring all mothers; \$6.50; see picture ad for details.
- **Carry-Out Pizza Night** (Wednesday, May 16) – please place orders by Noon on May 16;
- **Yom Yerushalayim Picnic and BBQ** (Sunday, May 20, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm) – see picture ad.
- **Semi-Annual Membership Meeting** (Tuesday, May 22, 7:30 pm) – **NEW DATE** don't miss it!
- **Shavous** (Friday Night May 25, Saturday May 26, Sunday May 27)

Meetings

- **Board of Directors** (Tuesday, May 8, following minyan at 7:00 pm)
- **Semi-Annual Membership Meeting** (Tues, May 22, 7:30 pm, following minyan at 7 pm) – **NEW DATE**
- **Executive Committee** (Tuesday, May 22, following Semi-Annual Membership Meeting)



Reminders

- **Bulletin Deadline is Noon on Wednesday!**
- **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.
- **Tributes** - Show your friends you care; a tribute is a donation in honor of a birth, a birthday, an anniversary, a healthy recovery, or in memory of a loved one, or for any reason to show you care; tributes will be listed in this bulletin monthly; see birthday box 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.



***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 Tazria-Metzora

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Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates



Jiroemon Kimura of Kyoto, Japan, the world's oldest living man, celebrated his 115th birthday last week. According to researchers he is not only the world's oldest living man, but is the third-oldest man in modern recorded history. The supercentenarian - someone who is 110 or older - has fathered 7 children (5 are still alive), has 14 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

"I'm delighted beyond words," Mr. Kimura said of his milestone. Mr. Kimura is one of only 70 verified supercentenarians alive today, and is the last known living man who was verifiably born before the year 1900. Mr. Kimura says eating small portions of food has been his secret to longevity. The world's oldest man was active for much of his life, having worked for the post office for 40 years and turned to farming until age 90 after retirement. He wakes up early in the morning and reads newspapers with a magnifying glass, and enjoys watching televised sumo wrestling matches and talking to guests.

Few are granted the gift of exceptional longevity. For each of us, though, time is our greatest asset and blessing. Even a moment of life can have great spiritual value. Psalm 90:12 says, "Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom." May the Almighty grant us the understanding to value our days -- and even to value each and every second.

Parshas Tazria/Metzora Leviticus 12:1 - 15:33



Parshas Tazria describes in great detail the varying manifestations of the disease called tzara'as. Although it has commonly been mistranslated as leprosy, this skin disease bears little resemblance to any bodily ailment transmitted through normal exposure. Rather, tzara'as is the physical manifestation of a spiritual malaise, a punishment from G-d primarily for the sin of speaking loshon hara. "Loshon hara", meaning literally 'the evil tongue', is often translated as 'gossip'. However, loshon hara is the Hebrew term for derogatory speech that is true. "Motzei shem rah" refers to derogatory speech about others that is false and slanderous.

The metzora (one diagnosed with tzara'as) was to be sent into isolation, tear his garments, and to call out 'contaminated, contaminated!' Since he abused his power of speech, sowing strife and distancing people from one another, it was fitting that he too should suffer the effects of isolation. Parshas Metzora continues the discussion of tzara'as, detailing the purification process of the metzora. Tzara'as could afflict ones clothing and home, and necessitate the burning of ones clothes and demolishing of ones home if the disease spread. The various punishments recorded in the Torah are not intended to serve as revenge for the sin; they are measures that will hopefully restore the person to the correct path.

Rabbinic Ruminations



When temperatures get cold, wise motorists put antifreeze in their radiators. Incredibly, many insects prepare for the cold by making their own antifreeze. Their antifreeze is glycerol (glycerin), a chemical closely resembling ethylene glycol, an organic compound widely used as an automotive antifreeze. Glycerol gives the insect body "supercooling" ability, allowing body fluids to drop below freezing points without causing ice damage. Glycerol also lowers the freezing point, making insects more cold-tolerant.

Biochemist Fred Smith of the University of Minnesota found that hibernating adult ants have as much as 10 per-cent glycerol in their bodies, but when the ants were gradually warmed up and became active, all of it disappeared. Chilling the ants for a few days at a temperature just above the freezing point restored the glycerol again. Ants of the same species found in warmer Maryland had no glycerol in them. But when taken to Minnesota they did as Minnesota ants do, secreting their personal antifreeze against the cold.

All creation, with its complexity and wonder, was designed to inspire and lead us to love G-d. On Thursdays we recite Chapter 81 of Psalms, "*Sing out to the God of our strength*," for on this day birds and fish were created to praise G-d's Name. It is not the birds and fish themselves which sing G-d's praises; rather when people observe the birds and fish, they give praise to the One Who created them. Careful contemplation of the cooling system of the insect will

lead one to proclaim, "Mah Rabu Ma'asecha, HaShem - G-d, how great are your works!"

Quote of the Week

"I ain't never seen a hearse with a luggage rack."
-- George Strait, country music singer

Joke of the Week

Dear IRS:

Enclosed you will find my 2012 tax return showing that I owe \$3,407.00 in taxes. Please note the attached article from the USA Today newspaper, wherein you will see the Pentagon is paying \$171.50 per hammer and NASA has paid \$600.00 per toilet seat.

I am enclosing four (4) toilet seats (valued @ \$2,400) and six (6) hammers valued @ \$1,029), which I secured at Home Depot, bringing my total remittance to \$3,429.00.

Please apply the overpayment of \$22.00 to the "Presidential Election Fund," as noted on my return. You can do this inexpensively by sending them one (1) 1.5" Phillips Head screw (see aforementioned article from USA Today newspaper detailing how H.U.D. pays \$22.00 each for 1.5" Phillips Head Screws). One screw is enclosed for your convenience.

It has been a pleasure to pay my tax bill this year, and I look forward to paying it again next year.

Sincerely, a Satisfied Taxpayer



OYVEY!

Mazel Tov On Simchas
For Weeks of April 28 - May 4

Happy Birthday

William Carter Micky Szus

Happy Anniversary
none

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

Minyan Information

Women are always welcome to attend our weekday and Shabbos services. And women: please encourage male members of your family to join us, and to help make a minyan.

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

Monument Dedication for

Morris Fredlich, z"l

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

Monument Dedication for

Edwin Brownstein, z"l

Sunday, April 29. 2:00 p.m.
Chevra Kadisha Cemetery, Page at North & South

NHBZ Semi-Annual Membership Meeting

NEW DATE: Tues, May 22, 7:30 pm

We encourage all members to attend

- Hear Rabbi's, President's & Committee Reports
- Review accomplishments of the last six months
- Take a peek into the future
- Express your opinions & provide input into future directions of NHBZ

ISRAEL CORNER

This week marked Israel's 64th birthday. Since its establishment in 1948, its population has grown ten-fold and its gross domestic product fifty-fold.

YIZKOR REMINDERS

1. Yizkor is recited four times per year – on Yom Kippur, Shemini Atzeres, the eighth day of Passover and the second day of Shavuos.
2. When we recite Yizkor, we pledge to give Tzedakah in memory of our loved ones; please send your Yizkor donations to NHBZ.
3. We will recite the name of your loved one out loud during Yizkor services for \$18 per year. Call the office at 991-2100 for details.
4. Yizkor will be recited next on the second day of Shavuos, May 28, 2012.

Stump the Rabbi

Ask Rabbi Smason questions about Judaism. Any question is fair game! You can ask your questions in person, or by email at: Pepshort613@gmail.com

Question: Why do we give *tzedaka* at daily services?

Answer: A verse in Psalms (17:15) says: "I shall behold Your face in *righteousness*," which may also be read as "with *tzedaka*." The act of *tzedaka*, even a modest one, was seen as a key of admission to the Divine Presence. This is the background for the almost universal practice of passing around a *tzedaka* (charity) box during weekday services into which worshipers drop one or more coins. In some shuls, the gabbai will go up and down the aisles with the *tzedaka* box (*pushke* in Yiddish) either during the preliminary service or during the repetition of the Amidah.

The purpose is not so much to raise significant sums for the shul as it is to provide the worshiper an opportunity to engage in an act which significantly enhances his or her prayer experience. Collecting *tzedaka* is never done on Shabbos or Yom Tov since it is forbidden to handle money on these days. However, one may *pledge tzedaka*, especially on the High Holy days and at Yizkor.

Getting to Know You

by Roving Reporter Robin Rickerman

This week featuring *William Carter*.



Tell me a bit about your family history. My family is from Mississippi. We moved to St. Louis when I was 10 years old. My father was a share-cropper and became a contract-

or at Nichol Plating. My mother was a housewife and fulltime Mom.

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

I have two beautiful daughters. Brandy is 31 and works at Busch Stadium. Tara is 35 and I just reunited with her. :)

How did we become so fortunate to have you so involved at Nusach Hari?

My brother Frank worked here part time in the morning, and Nusach Hari needed an afternoon and weekend guy – that was ME! After a year, I became full time....that was June 22, 1999, the start of a new beginning in my life.

If you could travel, ANY WHERE IN THE WORLD, where would you go and what would you do? Europe...Just to Travel.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WILLIAM.
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR US!!!!!!**



Saturday Morning May 12

8:30 am - Regular Services

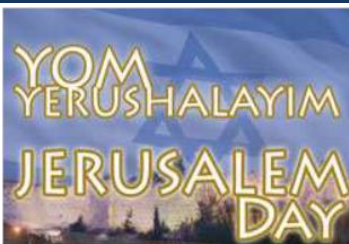
10:15 am - Learners Service *in the chapel led by Rabbi Smason*

this Synaplex will feature only one adult break-out session

11:00 am - Break-out sessions

- Middle East Policy in a Changing Middle East: Israel, Iran and the Arab Spring
U.S. Representative Russ Carnahan
- Youth Programming for kids 4 and over
led by Abi Epstein
- Tot Shabbat *led by Whitney Gartenberg*

12:00 Noon - Kiddush Lunch



**Celebrate
The reuni-
fication of
Jerusalem**

PICNIC and BBQ

**Sunday, May 20, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
Zeid (Citizen's) Park
Old Bonhomme just east of Price**

**Hot Dogs, hamburgers and beverages
will be available for sale**

**In case of rain, we will move next door to
Nusach Hari B'nai Zion
650 North Price Road, Olivette**



PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA
at NHBZ!!!

Lion's Den **DINE- IN** Pizza Night
SUNDAY, APRIL 29 !!
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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

Kids 3 & under FREE
Kids 4-12: \$6.00
Adults: \$10.00



Next Carry-Out Night
WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

**Join us for a new
NHBZ Women's Event**

**A Woman's Guide to Time
with Rebbitzen Chani Smason**

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under Heaven, a time to be born, a time to die, a time to plant, a time to uproot, a time to weep, a time to laugh, a time to grieve, a time to dance." Shlomo HaMelech

Oh! Do not attack me with your watch. A watch is always too fast or too slow. I cannot be dictated to by a watch. Jane Austen

Every four weeks we will come together and explore the powerful opportunities the Jewish lunar calendar offers us as women:

- Discover the feminine nature of the Jewish year
- Learn the true astrological meaning of each season
- Access the experiential power stations of Jewish time
- Create a handcrafted personal memento to use each month

The first two meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Iyar 5772 / Monday, April 30th at 7:30 p.m.
- Sivan 5772 / Motzei Shabbat, May 26 (during Shavuot Learning) 10:00 p.m. at Nusach Hari B'nai Zion.

Leil SHAVUOS Learning Sessions

Erev Shavuot, Motzei Shabbos, Saturday May 26

Dinner followed by all night learning

10:00 P.M. 1st Session

- Spiritual Significance of Eagle Wings - Rabbi Ze'ev Smason
- Meaning of astrological sign of "The Twins" for Jewish women - Rebbitzen Chani Smason

10:45 P.M. 2nd Session

- Jewish Influence on Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel Ceiling, Part 2 - Dr. Ethan Schuman
- The State of Israel and Mashiach/ Messiah - Menachem Szus

Learning continues all night, including Tanya, Chap. 32 (The obligation to Love A Fellow Jew)

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NHBZ Sisterhood Luncheon

"Honoring All Mothers!"

Tuesday, May 15, Noon
NHBZ Social Hall, 650 N. Price Rd.

Everyone Welcome - hope to see you -
Men and Women of all ages!

Delicious Menu: Tuna Salad, Kugel, Fruit,
Bagels, Cake, Cookies, Soda & Coffee

Donation \$6 RSVP 314-395-6017

PRIZES GALORE

Irvin Alper Social Club

Sunday, May 6, 5:00 pm

Join us for supper, social hour, and a movie; all for only \$7; please RSVP to Ruth Alper at (314) 569-2877.