



NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

April 2, 2011

27 Adar II, 5771

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

Torah Portion Tazria:

Leviticus 12:1 - 13:58

Stone Chumash pages 608 - 619

Shabbos HaChodesh Maftir:

Exodus 12:1 - 12:20

Stone Chumash pages 348 - 355

Shabbos HaChodesh Haftorah:

Ezekiel 45:16 - 46:15

Stone Chumash pages 1218 - 1219

Today

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
 - Shacharis: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
 - Leyning: **Michael Shapiro**
 - Haftorah: **Rabbi Howard Graber**
 - Sermon: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
 - Musaf: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
- **Shabbos HaChodesh** (Shabbos of the Month) - We read an extra Torah portion on the Shabbos preceding the first day of Nisan, during which we celebrate Passover. This portion, Exodus 12:1-20, talks about preparations for Passover, which begins on Nisan 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 haftorah portion is Ezekiel 45:16-46:18, which also talks about the first months and the offerings at that time.
- **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)
- **Shabbos Study Group** (6:10 pm) - Studies in Tanach, led by *Menachem Szus*; everyone at any level of learning is welcome; now studying *Yeshayahu* (Isaiah).
- **Boys' Mishna Study Group** (6:25 pm) - With *Rabbi Smason*, for boys ages 10-17.
- **Mincha / Shalosh Seudos** (6:55 pm)
- **Shabbos concludes** (8:10 pm)

This Week

שבת שלום



Davening Times	Shabbos Apr. 2	Sun. Apr. 3	Mon. Apr. 4	Tues. Apr. 5 *	Wed. Apr. 6	Thur. Apr. 7	Fri. Apr. 8	Shabbos Apr. 9
Shachris	9:00 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	6:45 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv	6:50 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	6:55 pm

* Rosh Chodesh

- **Sunday Learning** (tomorrow, Sunday Apr 3, 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 Apr 3, 9:15 am - 10:00 am) - with *Rabbi Smason* for young men and women in the Rabbi's office.
- **Restaurant Night Out** (tomorrow, Sunday, April 3) - Cash Bar 6:00 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm.
- **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!!!
- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** (Wednesday, Apr 6, 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.

- **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.
- **Aish Speaker Series, Stuart I. Raskas Dessert Reception** (Thursday, April 7, 7:00 pm) - Rabbi Shmuel Skaist will speak on 'Jews, Music and Humor'; at JCC Creve Coeur, Arts and Education Building; see picture ad for details.
- **Shabbos Lunch & Learn Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries in April** (Saturday, Apr 9) - Join us for our monthly Lunch & Learn; this month, our speaker will be Sergeant Benjamin Anthony, IDF Reserves, of the 'Our Soldiers Speak' organization; the topic will be "Hope in the Midst of War".
- **Buy and Use Your Pre-Paid Cash Cards** (Next Order Days are Apr 13 and Apr 29) - Earn free money for NHBZ. Order your cards this week! You pay with Cash Cards just like cash in hand.
- **Buy and Use Kohn's Scrip** - now available in time for Passover; see picture ad for details.
- **Sell Chametz** - It is time to sell! See Rabbi Smason after daily minyan, or call the office.
- **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.

Coming Events

- **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).
- **Next Carry-Out Pizza Night** (Wednesday, May 11) - There is no carry-out Pizza Night in April.
- **Irvin Alper Social Club** - There will be no meeting in April.
- **NHBZ Sisterhood** - There will be no events in April.

Kashrus News

- **Fresh Express Bagged Lettuce** - must bear a Star-K P to be Kosher for Passover
- **Vaad Hoeir of St. Louis 2011 Passover Guide** -
Go to link: www.ovkosher.org; or pick up paper copies in the office.



Meetings

- **Building Design Committee** - Tuesday, April 5; minyan at 7:00 pm; meeting at 7:00 pm.
- **Board of Directors** - Tuesday, April 12; minyan at 7:00 pm; meeting 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.
- **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.
For a Shul tribute, call Gloria Waxman at 314-872-3296
For a Sisterhood tribute, call Phyllis Silverman at 314-434-2482
For Libby Needle Fund, call Sally Needle at 314-991-2575
- **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.
- **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

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Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates



Most of us occasionally misplace our car keys. And it may have happened that at the mall, you forgot where you parked the car. But did you ever forget that you **owned** a car? English soccer player Jermaine Pennant was contacted by officials from his previous soccer team about a Porsche 911 Turbo that had been abandoned in the car park of a local railway station for five months, accumulating parking tickets. When he got the call, Pennant was nonplussed. No, he said, the car wasn't his. However, when told that the license plate of the abandoned car was 'P33NNT', the soccer star then acknowledged that he had forgotten that the \$135,000 car must belong to him -- something that can apparently happen when you make \$3.7 million a year playing soccer.

Mahatma Gandhi was asked what he thought of Western civilization. He said, "It would be nice." The more most people have, the more they want. We run the risk that instead of abundance filling a vacuum, it creates one. We would do well to remember the words of Rabbi Shimshon Raphael Hirsch: "It's not how much or how little you have that makes you great or small, but how much or how little you are with what you have."

Parshas Tazria: Leviticus 12:1 - 13:59



Parshas Tazria describes in great detail the varying and numerous 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. 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



Iconic actress Elizabeth Taylor passed away last week at the age of 79. While most will remember Taylor as one of Hollywood's most famous actresses, few are aware she was also a staunch supporter of Israel.

In 1959 she purchased \$100,000 in Israel Bonds, which prompted a ban of her films by authorities of the United Arab Republic. In 1967, Taylor played a major role in raising \$840,000 for Israel at a gala event in London. That same year, she cancelled a visit to Moscow after the Soviet Union harshly criticized Israel's actions in the Six Day War. In 1975, Taylor joined 59 other prominent women in signing a letter condemning the UN's equation of Zionism with racism. A year later in 1976, Taylor offered to take the place of 104 Israelis and foreign Jews who were being held hostage by PLO terrorists at Uganda's Entebbe Airport. In her later years, Taylor auctioned off her legendary collection of jewelry, and donated a sizable chunk of the earnings to the Israel War Victims Fund, one of her favorite charities.

Elizabeth Taylor's lifetime of courageous support for Israel brings to mind the teaching of Hillel (Ethics of the Fathers 2:6) ".....and in a place where there are no men, strive to be a man." There are times when circumstances in life require that we go against the tide. Even when no one else has the wisdom or courage to do the right thing, even when everyone else has become part of the faceless crowd, we still must rise to the occasion. As children of Abraham, we should remember that he was called the '*Ivri*' (the 'Hebrew'), because he stood on one side of the battle

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for the recognition of the Almighty, while the whole world stood arrayed against him. Dare to do the right thing; if the Jewish people had always gone along with the majority, there would be no Jewry and no Israel today.

Quote of the Week

"I owe all my success in life to having been always a quarter of an hour before my time" - Lord Horatio Nelson, Admiral of the British Royal Navy (1758 - 1805)



Joke of the Week Morry, who made it big in business, retired to the suburbs and bought a fabulous

mansion with over fifty rooms. He brought in a local workman to decorate the place. When the job was finished Morry was delighted but soon realized he'd forgotten something. There were no *mezuzahs* on the doors.

He immediately went out and bought fifty kosher *mezuzahs* and asked the decorator to place them on the right-hand side of each door except on the bathrooms. He was worried that the decorator wouldn't put them up correctly. However, the job was carried out entirely to his satisfaction and so he gave the workman an extra bonus.

As the decorator was walking out of the door he said, "Sir, I'm glad you're happy with the job. By the way, I took out all the guarantees that were in those little boxes and left them on the table for you."



Mazel Tov
On Simchas this week!
April 2 - April 8, 2011

Happy Birthday

Sarah Hirsch Louis Osheroff
Loren Abrams Phyllis Manesberg
Trudy Sudin
Chasi (Smason) Rosenbaum

Happy Anniversary
None this week

Show your friends you care - SEND A TRIBUTE

Shul: Call Gloria Waxman 314-872-3296
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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



PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA
at NHBZ!!!

Lion's Den Pizza Night

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 4-12: \$6.00 Adults: \$10.00

NO CARRY-OUT NIGHT IN APRIL

SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO THINK ABOUT: NHBZ's "Create a Legacy" Program

In 1905, a small group of visionaries invested time, energy and money to create our spiritual community. We must build a bridge from those visionaries to the families that will become our future legacy. Now is the time for you to guarantee a vibrant congregation for the next generation. By including NHBZ in your estate plan, you will ensure that our community will flourish. Be one of the visionaries for our future.

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Shabbos Lunch & Learn Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries in April

Next Shabbos April 9, Services begin at 9 am, Lunch at approximately 11:30 am

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

Passover

As if you didn't have enough to do . . .

Don't forget to Sell Your Chametz - You may not own, eat or benefit from *chametz* during Passover; however, you can sell it to a non-Jew before Pesach. If you keep the sold chametz in your house, seal it away so that it will not be visible during the holiday. After Pesach, the non-Jew generally sells the chametz back to the original owner. It is time to sell! Rabbi Smason will act as your agent for the sale. See him after daily minyan, or call the office.

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Vaad Hoeir
4 Millstone Campus Drive
Saint Louis, MO 63146-5776

Kohn's Scrip is now available for NHBZ

Starting Monday, April 4, you can purchase Kohn's Scrip in the NHBZ office in increments of \$25. Use it at Kohn's just like money. NHBZ earns 10% on each purchase.

Stock up on Kohn's Scrip now before your Pesach shopping, and earn free money for NHBZ!

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 placed in a prominent location near the front of the building. Plantings will be along the north border of the property, and each planting will also be identified by an 8" x 8" brick.

Current Prices:

4" x 8" brick with 3-line inscription \$220
8" x 8" brick with 6-line inscription \$440
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

Call the office now for details.

These are independent projects that are each separate from the Capital Campaign to which you may have already made pledges or contributions.

Do you EAT? Do you SHOP?

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Easy donations for NHBZ and not a penny out of our pocket!

Just hand your e-Scrip Card to the checker when you check out. They swipe it, and a percentage of your total is donated to NHBZ!!! Don't have an e-Scrip Card?

Call Bert Zakroff, 220-0674.

Hmmm.....

Schnucks...Kohn's...

Who has Kosher donuts?



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 314-991-2100 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
- **SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS** - Donations are used for various purposes

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2011 Aish Speaker Series

The annual Stuart I. Raskas Dessert Reception

featuring Rabbi Shmuel Skaist, aka "Rav Shmuel" speaking on 'Jews, Music & Humor: Getting the Message, Gaining Inspiration'

Thursday, April 7th, 7:00 pm

JCC in Creve Coeur (Arts and Education Building)
2 Millstone Campus Dr., St. Louis, MO 63146

Cost: a donation of \$18 would be appreciated

Contact: Claire at 314-862-AISH(2474) or cwofff@aish.com

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

Pre-paid Cash-Card Program

Do you buy prescriptions?

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!

For example, if you spend \$25 per month at Walgreens or CVS for one year, you will earn \$24 (8% of your purchase) for NHBZ. If you spend \$50 per month for one year, you will earn \$48 for NHBZ.

*If 25 people do this,
we will earn \$1200 for NHBZ!*

There are dozens of stores to choose from, and each one will donate a percentage of your purchase to NHBZ - some of them up to **25%!**

And it costs you nothing!

We order cards on the 15th and 30th of each month. Detailed information is available at www.nhbz.org.