

NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

Aug 25, 2012

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

6 Elul, 5772

Torah Portion Shoftim
Haftorah Shoftim

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This bulletin is sponsored by Sandie Abrams in memory of her right-hand-man, left-hand-man, and buddy, William Carter!!! William will be sorely missed by us all at Nusach Hari B'nai Zion. And as William would so often say, "Boruch HaShem!"

Erev Shabbos - Friday, August 24

- Mincha & Maariv (7:00 pm)
- Candle Lighting (7:25 pm)

Shabbos - Saturday, August 25

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
 - Shacharis: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
 - Leyning: **Ari Levy**
 - Haftorah: **Isaac Amon**
 - 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 – 11:00 am) – for children ages 4-8, in the Youth Lounge on lower level.
- **Learners Service** (10:15 am) - led by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**, in the Chapel on the lower level.
- **Kiddush** (following Musaf) - Thanks to **Harold & Fran Hoffman** for sponsoring a cake in honor of **Dodi Smason's** 21st birthday! Happy Birthday, **Dodi**.
- **Shabbos Study Group** (6:05 pm) - Studies in Tanach, led by **Moshe Pinto**
- **Mincha / Shalosh Seudos / Ma'ariv** (7:05 pm)
- **Shabbos Concludes** (8:27 pm)



This Week

Davening Times	Shabbos Aug 25	Sun. Aug 26	Mon. Aug 27	Tues. Aug 28	Wed. Aug 29	Thur. Aug 30	Fri. Aug 31	Shabbos Sept 1
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	7:05 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	6:55 pm
Events	Shabbos Learning	Learn; RAP; IChat; Pizza; Tanya		Buy Cash Cards	Lunch 'n' Learn;	Shechita Class	Erev Shabbos	Shabbos

- **Sunday Learning** (Sunday, Aug 26, after Shachris) - **Rabbi Chanan Swidler** of Aish leads Mishna study for men following Sunday morning services; davening at 8:00 am.
- **RAP with the RABBI Teen Group** – (Sunday, August 26, 10:15 am) - with **Rabbi Smason**, for young men and women; at Starbucks at Olive & Price, with complimentary drinks to all!
- **I-Chat Israel Current Events Discussion Group** (Sun. Aug. 26, 4 pm – 5 pm) - see flyer in lobby.
- **Dine-In Pizza Night** (Sunday, August 26, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm)
- **Tanya Class** (Sunday, Aug 26, 8:00 pm) - **Rabbi Shaya Mintz** of St. Louis Kollel explores mystical psychology and theology of the Tanya, that serves as a guide to spiritual and ethical life in Jewish observance.

- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** (Wednesday, August 29, 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.
- **Shechita Class** (Thursday, August 30, 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 **Thursday August 30 and Thursday, September 13**; buy 'em before these dates and earn free money for NHBZ.

Coming Events

- **Labor Day Weekend Family Picnic & BBQ** (Sunday, September 2, 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm) - Irv Zeid Park, around the corner from NHBZ.
- **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group** (First Tuesday, Sept 4, 2:30 pm) – **New Location**: this session will be at NHBZ in the Teen Lounge, lower level; topic is "The Six Constant Mitzvos," presented by **Rabbi Shaya Mintz**, of the St. Louis Kollel; all women are welcome; please join us!
- **Cooking for Rosh Hashanah** (Wednesday, September 5, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm) - \$10, limited to 15 people, so sign up soon!
- **AARP Driver Safety Program** (Thursday, Sept 6, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm) – at JCC Staenberg Building, 2 Millstone Campus Drive; call 812-9300 for details.
- **Morris Lengua Yiddish Club** (First Thursday, Sept 6, 7:30 pm) - Join us for a spirited hour filled with Yiddish stories, songs and laughter; "mavens" as well as novices are welcome.
-  (Shabbos, September 8)
- **“Early-in-the-Month” Dine-In Pizza Night** (Sunday, September 9, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm)
- **Lori Palatnik** (Wednesday, Sept 12, 7:30 pm) – at JCC Staenberg Building, 2 Millstone Campus Drive; will speak on the topic **“Testing 1,2,3: How to Pass Life's Challenges with Flying Colors!”**; sponsored by Aish HaTorah and Nishmah; for details or to RSVP, call 862-2474 or email cwolff@aish.com.
- **Carry-Out Pizza Night** (None in September)
- **Irvin Alper Social Club** (Next meeting after the holidays).
- **Sisterhood**
- **Women's Guide to Time** (Next meeting after the holidays) - Explore the powerful opportunities the Jewish lunar calendar offers women; presented by **Rebbitzen Chani Smason**;

Meetings

- **Executive Committee *New Date*** (Wednesday, August 29, following minyan at 7:30 pm)
- **Board of Directors** (Tuesday, September 11, following minyan at 7:30 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.
- **No Free Money for NHBZ This Week *unless you act!*** - Use Schnuck's Scrip and buy Gift Cards; call Scrip and Gift Card Maven Janet Haber at 567-7406 for details.
- **No More Volunteer Opportunities because everything is done, *NOT*** - 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; please call the office to volunteer.



Thank you to Sam & Shirley Bluestein for donating to the school supply drive

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 Shoftim

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Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates



What would you do if you were driving down the highway and it started raining -- raining money? It happened to Ray Leuthauser of St. Louis, who grabbed up as much of the money as he could

and then found the rightful owner. Jane Corbett, 77, who works with a homeless center, had loaded items into her car to take to a charity. Then she placed her adopted, special-needs child into a safety seat. A small white envelope containing \$835 she and others in her church group had raised was in her hand, and then on the trunk. It stayed there as she pulled away. Good thing she was being followed by Ray Leuthauser, a plasterer, on his way home from a job site.

Leuthauser, who saw the envelope on the trunk of the car in front of him, returned \$330 he found. But about \$475 was still missing. Ray told his fellow union construction workers what happened and they donated more than \$500 to make up the difference. The envelope contained a Sam's Club tax-credit card that enabled Leuthauser to identify and get in contact with Corbett. "What's right is right and what's wrong is wrong," Leuthauser said of his efforts. Asked why he didn't simply keep the found money, he shrugged and said, "It wasn't mine." As for herself, Jane Corbett said, "I live my life knowing that miracles do happen. But I didn't expect this one."

The Talmud states, "The signature of the Holy One, blessed be He, is truth." Let us strive to become individuals of outstanding honesty and integrity. Even if one day you find that it is raining money -- strive to be a scrupulously honest person.

Parshas Shoftim – Deuter. 16:18 - 21:9



Moses proceeds to review the regulations necessary for a civilized society. Local judges and officers were to be appointed in every city, and justice was to be administered righteously and impartially. A bribe of even an insignificant sum is

forbidden. The Sanhedrin -- the Jewish High Court of seventy one judges -- is to make Torah-based binding decisions on new situations to prevent the fragmentation of the Jewish people.

When the Jewish people request a king, the king was not to misuse his power to amass many horses, maintain a harem nor accumulate great wealth. To order his priorities and not become haughty he should write a copy of the Torah and carry it with him. When the Jewish people had righteous kings such as David and Solomon, it was a blessing. When we had wicked kings such as Jereboam and Ahav, it was a curse.

The nation's conduct in war is mentioned. The Jewish people are told not to be afraid of the enemy, not to destroy any fruit trees in battle, and that they should first give the enemy a chance to make peace. The portion also forbids all forms of superstition and 'magic' practiced by the soothsayer. We have no need for such tricks because of our true prophets and faith in G-d. The Jewish people are promised by G-d that He will send prophets to guide them, and Moses explains how a genuine prophet may be distinguished from a false one.

Rabbinic Ruminations



Impact craters are geologic structures formed when a large meteoroid, asteroid or comet smashes into a planet or a satellite. One of the more well-known impact craters is

Meteor Crater, today a popular tourist attraction in Arizona. Privately owned, there is an admission fee charged to see the crater, and a Visitor Center on the north rim features interactive exhibits and displays about meteorites. Guided tours of the rim are offered daily, and there are observation areas with views inside the rim of the crater -- the world's first recognized terrestrial impact crater.

Meteor Crater was created about 50,000 years ago when a nickel-iron meteorite about 50 yards wide struck the Arizona plain at a speed of about 30,000 mph. The impact energy has been estimated at about 10 megatons (a "megaton" is the explosive power of one million tons of TNT). The Meteor Crater meteorite made a huge impact -- the crater is about 4,000 feet in diameter, some 570 feet deep, and is surrounded by a rim that rises 150 feet above the surrounding plains. The meteorite itself was mostly vaporized upon impact. Very little of it remained within the pit that it had excavated.

Spiritually, a huge impact can be made by simple choices we might make in our lives. Elul, the Hebrew month before Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, brings us the gift of a new start. A commitment to perform additional acts of *chesed* (kindness), learn more Torah or say an additional daily prayer will add to our sense of purpose. Begin again, now, with at least one new positive choice. The impact can be tremendous.

Quote of the Week

“Never underestimate the difficulty of changing false beliefs by facts.”

- Henry Rosovsky (American economist)

Joke of the Week

A rabbi, priest, and minister die on the same day, and find that they are standing in an elevator. The 3 men agree that since they all tried their best in life, the elevator would soon be moving upwards. Suddenly, though, the elevator hurls downwards. As the door opens, it reveals a bunch of red-hot lava in a huge vat with people screaming for mercy. The elevator man turns to the minister and says, "This is your stop, sir." Before the minister could react, he is pushed out by the

elevator man. The elevator then continues its descent, and again stops to reveal an ocean of lava with people screaming for mercy. The elevator man says to the priest, "This is your stop, sir". The priest is then pushed out by the elevator man.

Free-falling again, the rabbi is saying viduy, Psalms, the Shema – you name it. The elevator slows, stops, and the door slides open. The rabbi, eyes clenched shut, is expecting the absolute worst, but instead he feels a caressing breeze, smells fragrant pine, and hears flutes, a babbling brook, and tinkling bells. He dares to open his eyes, and he sees a lush field with sheep, a forest, stream, and shepherd boys and girls. The elevator man says, "This is your stop, sir. Last stop."

As the rabbi is stepping out of the elevator, he can't resist asking the elevator man, "I don't understand – this place is lower than the first 2 places". The elevator man gazes off in the distance and murmurs. "It's amazing what the Zionists have been able to accomplish in just a few years."

(thanks to Dr. Jay Pepose).



OY VEY!

Mazel Tov On Simchas

Aug. 25 - Aug. 31

Happy Birthday

David Goodman Dodi Smason
Daniel Shanker

Happy Anniversary

Ted & Rachael Pevnick

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

While davening or listening to the Torah, we talk to Hashem, not to our neighbors. Meet your neighbors at Kiddush!

Mayer Taller 997-0527

Rabbi Smason 749-5271

Howard Sandler 409-7266

NHBZ Office 991-2100

ISRAEL CORNER

This past week, Israel was ranked the 6th healthiest country in the world.

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND
FAMILY PICNIC & BBQ**

Where: Irv Zeid (Citizen's) Park
on Old Bonhomme just east of Price
When: Sunday, Sept. 2, 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Hot dogs, hamburgers, side dishes and beverages will be available for sale

If it rains, we'll move next door to NHBZ

Stump the Rabbi

Ask Rabbi Smason questions about Judaism. Ask in person, phone or email: Pepshort613@gmail.com

Question:

Why do we blow the shofar every morning during the month preceding Rosh Hashanah?

Answer:

The central mitzvah of Rosh Hashanah, and the defining feature of this festival in the Torah, is the sounding of the *shofar*. A hollowed-out ram's horn is blown to produce sounds known as *tekiah*, *shevarim* and *teruah* - a long blast, three shorter blasts and a number of very short blasts. The most obvious idea behind this mitzvah is that the *shofar* sounds a piercing wake-up call for us to begin an accounting of our lives, to become aware of our responsibilities and to make positive commitments for the future.

In light of this explanation, we can understand why there is a custom to begin sounding the *shofar* in the synagogue a month before Rosh Hashana. We have to start the process of change well before Rosh Hashanah to avoid a last-minute, panicked rush. During the month before Rosh Hashana, known as Elul, the *shofar* is blown every day after the weekday morning services in order to wake us up from our apathy gradually, in the hope that we will not press the snooze button. Do tshuva now -- avoid the Rosh Hashana rush!

Getting to Know You

by Roving Reporter Robin Rickerman

This week featuring **Dr. Susan Feigenbaum**.

Tell me a bit about your family history.



I was born in Hartford, Connecticut and have a sister Jane who is 2 years older and a sister Pam who is 9 years younger. My mother virtually lived in our synagogue as a sisterhood volunteer and our Rabbi became a second father to me. I met my husband, Jay Pepose, when he stopped at a stop sign on the Brandeis campus, saw me walking by, and invited me to go into town for dinner (dutch treat at his

insistence)! That was 38 years ago. We have been married for 33 years and have 4 miracle children - David, who is 26 and living in NYC; and the threesome, Max, Sam and Morissa, who are entering their senior year of high school at Whitfield. We moved to St. Louis in 1988 for job opportunities, having lived before in LA and Baltimore.

What is your favorite Jewish Holiday?

I love Pesach. It is one of the only times during the year that I still cook our family recipes, and I try new, goofy things every year to engage people during the Seder. The kids and even some of the adults have perfected their eye-rolling techniques!

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

In 1970, when I was 16 years old, I visited the Soviet Union with a small group of teens, sponsored by United Synagogue of America. Our goal was to visit shuls and give hope to Jews in Riga, Leningrad and Moscow. The trip changed my life; I never took my Judaism for granted again. I spent the following school year travelling the east coast and giving talks about the plight of Soviet Jewry.

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

When Rabbi Zimand retired from Traditional, we began to shul-shop. We were blown away by the warmth of NHBZ's members and by the amount we could learn from Rabbi Smason. We have not been disappointed. If anything, NHBZ underpromises and overdelivers!!

If you could travel ANY WHERE IN THE WORLD, where would you go and what would you do?

We have travelled to many exotic places in the world. But my favorite by far is Israel during Chanukah and Purim. For a Jew to be in the "majority" during these special times is overwhelmingly joyful.

The NHBZ Israel Committee
invites you to join it for



I-Chat



a new bi-monthly
Israeli Current Events Discussion Group

When: Sunday, August 26, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
(one hour before Pizza Night)

Where: Downstairs in the multi-purpose room

Who: YOU and your guests!

Topic: Israel, Iran and the Bomb

No preparation or knowledge about Israel required; however, prior to I-Chat, you will receive an e-mail with background information. If you are interested in discussing issues pertaining to Israel in a safe and respectful environment, show up for a lively discussion,



Saturday Morning, September 8

- 8:30 am - Regular Shabbos Services
- 10:15 am - Learner's Service in the Chapel
- led by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
- 11:00 am Break-out sessions
 - Ten Books No Jewish Home Should Be Without - Led by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
 - Six Tools to get what you want this year: tap into the resources the Almighty put inside you - Led by **Rabbi Max Weiman**, Director of Kabbalah Made Easy
 - My Time at the UN: The Changing Role of U.S. Diplomacy - led by Missouri State Auditor **Thomas Schweich**, former Chief of Staff under U.N. Ambassador **John Bolton**
 - Youth Programming: For kids 4 and over - led by **Abi Epstein**
 - Tot Shabbat -led by **Whitney Gartenberg**
- 12:00 Noon - Kiddush lunch in honor of September birthdays and anniversaries

All events are free and open to the public. Home hospitality for the weekend is available.

What's New This Year?

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Family Services

Singing, Dancing, Snacks, and Prayers
Appropriate for families with
Children ages 1 - 6

COOKING FOR ROSH HASHANA

Wednesday, September 5, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Limited to 15 people, sign up soon
\$10 donation per person

Call NHBZ office at 991-2100

In memory of our dear friend

William Carter

*From Rabbi Ze'ev Smason
and the entire NHBZ community*



PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA at NHBZ!!!

Lion's Den **DINE- IN** Pizza Night
SUNDAY, AUGUST 26 !!

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: \$11.00



Next Dine-in Night: **EARLY DATE**
SUNDAY, September 9
No Carry-out Night in September

Interested in **NHBZ** **MEMBERSHIP?**

Call the NHBZ office at
314-991-2100 extension 2

We welcome Jews at all levels of observance
and regardless of financial status.

More options for you and your family on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur!

Family Services

- 1st Day Rosh Hashanah 10:15 am – 11:00 am
- Yom Kippur 10:15 am – 11:00 am

Expanded Learners Services for Adults with Aish HaTorah

- 1st Day Rosh Hashanah
Sunday evening Sept 16, 6:45 pm
Monday morning Sept 17, 10:00 am–12:30 pm
- Yom Kippur
Tuesday evening Sept 25, 6:25 pm
Wednesday Sept 26 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

**...and of course, our spiritually uplifting and
meaningful Regular Services**

Questions?: (314)991-2100 ex 2 www.NHBZ.org