



# NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

December 11, 2010

4 Teves 5771

## Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

Torah Portion *Vayigash*:  
Haftorah:

Bereshis 44:18 - 47:27  
Ezekiel 37:15 - 37:28

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Stone Chumash pages 1144 - 1145

### Today

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:
  - Pesukei D'Zimra: *Howard Sandler*
  - Shacharis: *Dr. Ethan Schuman*
  - Leyning: *Michael Shapiro*
  - Haftorah: *Michael Shapiro*
  - Sermon: *Rabbi Ze'ev Smason*
  - Musaf: *Dr. Ethan Schuman*
- **Learners Service** (10:30 am) - Lead 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 *Dodi Smason*; Boys Jr. Congregation will meet in the Auditorium with *Avrumi Smason*.
- **Kiddush** (following Musaf)
- **Shabbos Study Group** (3:35 pm) - Studies in Tanach, lead by *Menachem Szus*; everyone at any level of learning is welcome. We have begun the second to last chapter of the Second Book of Kings. Please join us on the final stretch toward the finish. In a few weeks, we'll have a nice siyum upon conclusion of yet another book of tanach. Hope you can make it to the finish line with us.
- **Boys' Mishna Study Group** (3:35 pm) - With *Rabbi Smason*, for boys ages 10-17.
- **Mincha / Shalosh Seudos / Maariv** (4:05 pm)
- **Shabbos concludes** (5:25 pm)



### This Week

<b>Davening Times</b>	<b>Shabbos Dec. 11</b>	<b>Sun. Dec. 12</b>	<b>Mon. Dec. 13</b>	<b>Tues. Dec. 14</b>	<b>Wed. Dec. 15</b>	<b>Thur. Dec. 16</b>	<b>Fri. * Dec. 17</b>	<b>Shabbos Dec. 18</b>
<b>Shachris</b>	9:00 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	6:45 am	9:00 am
<b>Mincha/Maariv</b>	4:05 pm	4:20 pm	4:20 pm	-	-	-	4:10 pm	4:05 pm
<b>Maariv Only</b>	-	-	-	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	-	-

\* Fast of Teves

- **Special Sunday Learning** (tomorrow, Sunday Dec 12, following Shachris) - *Rabbi Shmuel Klein* will deliver a 15 minute dvar Torah, entitled "Living in Exile: Our Father Yaakov's Vision"; *Rabbi Klein*, Director of Publications and Communications for Torah Umesorah, is an author, newspaper columnist, and accomplished speaker with extensive experience in outreach, adult education, Holocaust Studies and teacher training; davening at 8:00 am.
- **RAP with the RABBI Teen Group** (tomorrow, Sunday Dec 12, 9:15 am) - with *Rabbi Smason* for young men and women in the Rabbi's office.
- **105th Anniversary Celebration and Hors D'oeuvre Reception** (Sunday, December 12 - see you there) - Honoring **JoAnn Raskas** and **Ron Rosen**, benefactors and inspiration for the NHBZ Lion's Den Pizza Night that has delighted the entire St. Louis Jewish community; also honoring **Alex** and **Jack Lyss** with the first NHBZ Youth Service Award for their exemplary service to the shul; it is with great pleasure that we give well-deserved kovod (honor) to these wonderful people; we have chosen to create an elegant, elaborate evening at our current location. 8630 Olive Boulevard, to bid a fond farewell in a grand manner to the "old" as we prepare to move into our new home in 2011.
- **Shabbos Mikvah News** - Due to repairs and maintenance, the Shabbos mikvah will not be available for men to use, Monday – Wednesday, December 13-15, 2010.

- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** (Wednesday, December 15, 12:15 pm) - Insights for daily living from the weekly Torah portion; in the Auditorium.
- **Fast of Teves** (Friday, December 17) - Fast begins at 6:01 am, and concludes with kiddush on Shabbos evening. Shachris at 6:45 am and Mincha at 4:10 pm.
- **Toys for Chanukah** - Thanks to all of those who donated.

## Coming Dates and Events

- **Carry-Out Pizza Night** (Wednesday, December 15)
- **Next Gift Card Order Days** (Dec 15 and 30) - Buy Gift Cards and get free money for NHBZ.
- **NHBZ Sisterhood Meeting and Lunch** - Tuesday, December 21
- **'Movies After Dark'** (Saturday, December 25) - Featuring 'Marjorie Morningstar' (1958), with Gene Kelly and Natalie Wood.
- **Dine-In Pizza Night** (Sunday, Dec 26, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm)
- **Irvin Alper Social Club** (Sunday, Dec 26, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm)
- **Morris Lenga Yiddish Club** (Thursday, January 6, 7:00 pm)
- **Installation Shabbos** (Saturday, January 8)
- **Garage Sale Part 2** (January 2011) - We welcome additional contributions of garage sale items (no more clothes, please) for a final garage sale blowout day.
- **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group** (to be scheduled)

## Meetings

- **Board of Directors Meeting** - **New date: Thur Dec 16**; Maariv at 6:30 pm; meeting at 7:00 pm.
- **Executive Committee Meeting** - Tuesday, Dec 28; Maariv at 6:30 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
- **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.
- **More Free Money for NHBZ** - Turn in unused Cell Phones, Chargers and Ink Jet Cartridges; Planet Green Recycling will safely dispose of them, and pay us, too!
- **Even More Free Money - Enjoy Freshly Baked Challa, Cakes & Rugelach, and Support NHBZ at the same time!** - Every purchase from Norma's Bakery includes a donation to NHBZ; all goods prepared in the NHBZ kitchen under the supervision of Rabbi Ze'ev Smason; Norma Yabeta will take your orders at 314-398-1044 or send an email to lemuriana999@hotmail.com by Noon on Wednesdays to have your baked goods ready for Shabbos; pick up a flyer in the lobby 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' 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 prayers 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 Vayigash

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## Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates



Do you have money to burn? Apparently the U.S. government does. Because of a printing problem, the federal government has shut down production of its flashy new \$100 bills, and has quarantined more than one billion of them in a vault in Fort Worth, Texas. The new bills have been touted for their sophisticated security features, including a 3-D security strip and a color-shifting image of a bell, designed to foil counterfeiters. But it turns out the bills are so high-tech that the printers tasked with producing them can't handle the job. More than one billion unusable

bills were creased during production, creating a blank space on the paper. The flawed bills -- which cost around \$120 million to print -- will have to be burned.

While few of us have 'money to burn', we often act as if we have 'time to burn.' Someone once said, "I wish I could stand on a busy street corner, hat in hand, and beg people to throw me all their wasted hours." Time is our most valuable asset, yet we tend to kill it, burn it and spend it rather than invest it. It has been said that 'time is money', but the Torah perspective is that 'time is life.' Time, like life, is our most precious commodity. Use it thoughtfully.

## Parshas Vayigash Genesis 44:18 - 47:27

Judah makes an impassioned plea to the powerful Egyptian ruler (Joseph, still in disguise) for Benjamin's life, claiming that Jacob would surely die from sorrow if he lost Benjamin. Judah offers to remain in Egypt as a slave in place of his younger brother. Unable to restrain himself any longer, Joseph reveals his identity to his stunned brothers and forgives them for selling him into slavery so many years before.

Joseph then sends his brothers back to the land of Israel, laden with gifts, to bring Jacob and their families down to Egypt where they will live in the province of Goshen. Before Jacob leaves home, G-d



appears to him in a 'vision of the night', reassuring him that He will be with them and that they will eventually return to the land of Israel as a great nation. After 22 years of separation, Jacob is reunited with his beloved son Joseph. Joseph embraces his father and weeps, overflowing with joy, and then brings his father to meet Pharaoh.

The portion concludes by describing how Joseph uses his vast power to amass nearly all of the wealth of Egypt for Pharaoh's treasury.

## Rabbinical Ruminations



At what point must one give up hope? Three teens who had been missing in the South Pacific for 50 days — and were already eulogized in a memorial service — were found alive last month by a New Zealand fishing boat. The boys — two 15-year-olds and a 14-year-old — disappeared while attempting to row between two islands, and were given up for dead after an extensive search involving New Zealand's air force. Their craft had drifted 800 miles to a desolate part of the Pacific when the crew of a tuna boat saw them frantically waving for help. The rescue came not a moment too soon: the boys had begun to drink sea water because it hadn't rained in the past few nights. A rescuer said that the boys survived by catching fish and eating a seagull that had landed on their boat.

Tanu Filo, the father of one boy, said the news was broken by one of the teens' grandmother after she had a phone call from the fishing boat. "It's a miracle, it's a miracle. The whole village, the whole village, they were so excited and cried and they sang songs and hugging each other ... Everybody was yelling and shouting the good news," he told Radio New Zealand International.

The Talmud states, "Even if a sharp sword is placed against the neck of a person, he should not abandon hope for mercy." We live in frightening times, and occasionally encounter situations that seem to be hopeless. However, hopelessness is not a Jewish characteristic. Faith and trust in G-d means that we never stop believing that we have options -- if only, to turn to our Father in heaven for help and salvation.

## Quote of the Week

I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book -- **Groucho Marx**



## Joke of the Week

**OY VEY!**

Moshe was sitting at the bar staring at his drink when a large, trouble-making biker stepped up next to him, grabbed his drink, gulped it down in one swig, and menacingly said, "Thanks Jew boy, whatcha going to do about it?"

Moshe burst into tears.

"Come on, man," the biker said. "I didn't think you'd CRY. I can't stand to see a man crying. What's your problem?"

"This is the worst day of my life," Moshe said. "I'm a complete failure. I was late to a meeting, and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen, and I don't have insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I came home to find a note from my wife that she was leaving me, and as I was reading the note, my dog bit me. So I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all. I buy a drink; drop a capsule in and sit here watching the poison dissolve; then you show up and drink the whole thing! But enough about me. How's your day going?"

(Thanks to Gary Sudin for the joke)

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](mailto:Pepshort613@gmail.com). Care to know more about Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Congregation? Check us out at [www.nhbz.org](http://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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Mazel Tov  
On Simchas this week!  
December 11-17, 2010!

Happy Birthday

Faye Cohen  
Chiyya Smason  
Bill Carl  
Sandra Abrams  
Elisheva Sudin  
Jonathan Shanker

Happy Anniversary

Rabbi Aaron & Pearl Borow  
Efim & Dora Sulpoavar

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**PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA  
at NHBZ!!!**

**CARRY OUT NIGHT:  
THIS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15 !!**

HOT PIZZA WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU TO PICK UP!! OR  
ORDER AN UN-COOKED PIZZA TO FREEZE OR BAKE AT HOME!!  
Plain Cheese Pizza ~ \$12.00 Toppings ~ 75c each  
Extra-Cheese, mushrooms, onions, tomatoes,  
basil, greenpeppers, sliced olives, pineapple  
PLACE YOUR ORDER ~ 314-991-2100, ext. 2  
Deadline to Order: 12:00 noon on December 15

**NEXT DINE-IN NIGHT IS DECEMBER 26**

## JSU's "A Light to Remember"

**LAST CHANCE TO MAKE RESERVATIONS OR  
TRIBUTES FOR JSU's "A Light to Remember"** an  
evening of dining and entertainment,

honoring **Harvey & Dorit Daphna-Iken**  
with a special tribute to **Alice Fasman**,  
the Clayton High School JSU Faculty Advisor.

December 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm cocktails & 8 pm dinner at the  
Performing Arts & Education Center at the JCC. JSU is a  
dynamic network of hundreds of clubs for thousands of  
Jewish High School students in non-Jewish High Schools  
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JSU sponsors 9 school clubs and a weekly Jewish Book  
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Rachel Lubchansky at 314-726-2163.



**2010 NHBZ  
Chili Cookoff  
Winners**

**Peoples' Choice:  
Kollet Torah MiTzion**

**Best Meat: "No Beans  
About It" (David Kaiser)**

**Best Vegetarian: "The  
Spice Girls" (Sarah Rush,  
Joni Kaiser and Alla  
Grafman)**

**Best Decor/costumes:  
"The Spice Girls"**

**Best Youth: Leib  
Smason, Boruch Smason  
and Paul Kleiman**