

NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

December 24, 2011

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

28 Kislev, 5771

Torah Portion Mikeitz:
Haftorah Mikeitz:

Genesis 41:1 – 44:17
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Erev Shabbos - Friday, December 23

- **Mincha & Maariv** (4:20 pm)
- **Candle Lighting** (4:24 pm)



Shabbos - Saturday, December 24

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
 - Shacharis: **David Rubin**
 - Leyning: **Aryeh Needle**
 - Haftorah: **Rabbi Howard Graber**
 - Sermon: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
 - Musaf: **Menachem Szus**
- **Learners Service** (10:15 am) – Led by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**, in the Chapel.
- **Kiddush** (following Musaf)
- **Shabbos Study Group** (3:40 pm) - Studies in Tanach, led by **Menachem Szus**; everyone at any level of learning is welcome; now studying Yeshayahu (Isaiah).
- **Boys' Mishna Study Group** (3:40 pm) - With **Rabbi Smason**, for boys ages 10-17.
- **Mincha/Shalosh Seudos/Ma'ariv** (4:10 pm)
- **Shabbos Concludes** (5:28 pm)



This Week

Davening Times	Shabbos Dec 24	Sun. Dec 25	Mon. Dec 26	Tues. Dec 27	Wed. Dec 28	Thur. Dec 29	Fri. Dec 30	Shabbos Dec 31
Shachris	9:00 am	8:00 am	8:00 am	6:45 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv	4:10 pm	4:25 pm	4:25 pm	-	-	-	4:25 pm	4:15 pm
Ma'ariv Only	-	-	-	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	-	-
Events	Chanukah Family Fun	Learning	Rosh Chodesh; Later Shachris!	Rosh Chodesh; ExecCom Meeting	Lunch & Learn	Buy Cash Cards	Erev Shabbos	Shabbos Lunch & Learn

- **Chanukah Fun for the Whole Family** (TONIGHT, 6:00 pm- 9:00 pm) – Activities for children and adults at NHBZ; free admission; see picture ad for details.
- **Sunday Learning** (Sunday, Dec 25, 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** – (On recess until Sunday, Jan. 8, 10:00 am) - with **Rabbi Smason**, for young men and women; at Starbucks at Olive & Price; with complimentary drinks to all participants!
- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** (Wednesday, Dec 28, 12:15 pm, in the Teen Lounge on the lower level) - 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.
- **Carryout Pizza Night** (To be announced)

- **Buy and Use Cash Cards** (Monday – Friday) – Next order dates are **Thursday, December 29 and Monday, January 16**; buy 'em before these dates and earn free money for NHBZ; Kohn's Scrip is temporarily sold out.

Coming Events

- **Shabbos Lunch & Learn** (Saturday, December 31, following Musaf) - **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason** will speak on the topic "Is There Humor in the Torah?"
- **Dine-In Pizza Night** (Sunday, January 1, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm) - *First Sunday this month only!!*
- **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group** (First Tuesday, January 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!!!
- **Irvin Alper Social Club** – (To be announced)
- **Morris Lengua Yiddish Club** (First Thursday, January 5, 7:00 pm) - Join us for a spirited hour filled with Yiddish stories, songs and laughter; seasoned "mavens" as well as novices are welcome.
- **Installation Shabbos Lunch** – (Saturday, January 7, following Musaf)

Meetings

- **Executive Committee** (Tuesday, December 27, 7:00 pm, following minyan)
- **Board of Directors** (Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 7:00 pm, following minyan)
- **Sisterhood** - will not have meetings during the winter months of January and February, and will resume in March when the weather is more predictable!



Kashrus Alert

- **Snack Healthy Lolibar, LoliCrunch and Real Fruit** - Bear an unauthorized OK symbol on the label; these products are **not** certified by OK Kosher Certification; corrective measures are being taken.

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 every 6-8 weeks.
 - 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
- **Buy an Inscribed Brick For the Entry Plaza** - Go to <http://www.nhbz.org/dedications.asp> or call the office at 314-991-2100.
- **Donate a Book to Our Beautiful New Library** - 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.
- **Buy Cash Cards for Chanukah** – Yes, that's right; Cash Cards make great Chanukah Gift Cards! **NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT CARDS for some Cash Cards – see flyer in lobby!**
- **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 Mikeitz

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28 Kislev, 5772

Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates



Do miracles still happen? Monique van der Vorst would be quick to answer an enthusiastic "YES!" Monique, of Holland, was partially paralyzed

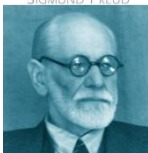
from the hip down at age 13 during a routine ankle operation. Years later she went on to win a silver medal for hand-cycling in the 2008 Beijing Paralympics. That same year she was hit by a car while training in her wheelchair and endured a spinal cord injury, leaving her completely paralyzed from the waist down. Undeterred, though, Monique continued to hand-cycle. Last summer things seemed to go from bad to worse when she collided with a cyclist. However, while recovering in the hospital, Monique discovered that she could move her feet. Something had occurred during the accident that reversed her paralysis. Against all odds, Monique began to walk, and with intense rehabilitation eventually began riding a standard bicycle.

Doctors are still stumped by her astonishing recovery. Some theorize that the trauma of her last accident might have jolted her body back into activity. Monique, now 27, was recently given one of just 11 places on a top women's professional cycling team. Her dream is to ride in the 2016 Olympics.

Albert Einstein said, "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." There is more to life than what meets the eye. This Chanukah, a holiday of miracles, let us open our eyes to see the miracles that surround us.

Parshas Mikeitz - Genesis 44:1 – 44:17

THE
INTERPRETATION
OF DREAMS



Pharaoh has a two-part dream about seven scrawny cows devouring seven robust cows, followed by seven thin stalks of grain swallowing seven healthy, good ones. When his advisers are unable to adequately interpret the dream, Pharaoh summons Joseph, who had been in prison for a total of twelve years. Ascribing his power of interpretation solely to G-d, Joseph tells Pharaoh that Egypt will first experience seven years of abundant crops, and then will be ravaged by a

devastating famine. Pharaoh appoints Joseph as viceroy of Egypt, making him the second most powerful man in the land (this is a source for the game of tennis in the Torah -- we see that Joseph ... served in Pharaoh's court). Joseph's wife Asnat gives birth to two sons, Menashe and Ephraim, and the years of plenty and famine unfold just as Joseph had predicted.

With the famine devastating the land of Canaan (Israel), Joseph's brothers descend to Egypt to purchase food. When they don't recognize their royal brother, Joseph sets in motion a plan to determine if the brothers have fully repented for their sin of selling him almost twenty-two years before. Joseph acts detached, accusing them of being spies, and holds Simeon hostage. Joseph then allows the rest of the brothers to go with food to their father on the condition that they return with their youngest brother Benjamin. With great reluctance, Jacob agrees to this condition. Mikeitz concludes with the looming threat that Benjamin will be made a slave to the Egyptian ruler.

Rabbinic Ruminations



Got *gelt*? Though many are accustomed to giving presents on Chanukah, playing dreidel for money (*gelt*) is an old spin (pun intended)

on a traditional Chanukah experience. Dreidels find their way into Jewish homes of all levels of observance both in Israel and the world over. What connection is there between Chanukah and money?

The Hebrew word *Chanukah* shares the same root as *chinuch*, education. The occupying Greek forces wanted to make the Jewish population forget the Torah and its way of life. After the defeat of the Greeks, it was necessary to re-educate a large segment of the Jewish people - particularly the children. Maimonides writes that it is important to use incentives to educate children until they are old enough to independently appreciate the beauty and importance of living a Jewishly committed life. On Chanukah, a holiday dedicated to education, we give our children Chanukah *gelt* to add to the festive spirit of the holiday and to encourage them in the study of Torah and observance of the *mitzvos*.

Chanukah gelt can be given any time throughout Chanukah (aside from Shabbos). Some have the

admirable custom of gelt-giving each weeknight of Chanukah. This year, as our dreidels spin, may we all remember the spiritual values of Chanukah: the primacy of living a committed Jewish life, and the small miracles that constantly surround us.

Quote of the Week

"People do not live by bread alone. They need buttering up once in a while". - Harvey Mackay

Joke of the Week



OY VEY!

Yankel is talking to G-d and asks, "Hey G-d what does 100 million years seem like to you?"

G-d answers, " One hundred million years? That's like a second to me."

Then Yankel asks, "Hey G-d, what does 100 million *dollars* seem like to you?"

One hundred million dollars? It's like a penny to me."

So Yankel says, "Hey G-d, could I have a penny?"

And G-d answers, "Sure. In a second."



MinyanMan Tip # ?

(Your Tip Goes Here)

Howard Sandler (409-7266)
Rabbi Smason (749-5271)
Synagogue Office (991-2100)



TOYS FOR CHANUKAH

A very big **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated toys & gelt for our Chanukah drive. We don't have a complete list of names, so if your name isn't mentioned here, please call Sandie so we can thank you too. 991-2100 extension 2.

Lenny & Fran Alper
Ruth Alper
Sam & Shirley Bluestein
Bob, Joni, Hannah & Rebecca Kaiser
Sarah Klein
NHBZ Sisterhood
Lou & Shirley Osheroff
Ted & Rachael Pevnick
Menachem & Linda Szus
Jack Tepper
Marian Walters

Mazel Tov
On Simchas This Week
December 24 - December 30

Happy Birthday

Justin Shanitkvitch
Gary Sudin
Daniel Zarkowsky
Mark Tandler
Melissa Marbain
Gerald Bolt
Daniella Yasinev

Happy Anniversary

Sandra & Ron Segall
Craig & Jackie Berkin

Show your friends you care - **SEND A TRIBUTE**
Shul: Call Gloria Waxman 314-872-3296
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NEW FEATURE: Letters to the Editor

We welcome ideas, criticism, articles, MinyanMan tips, editorials, whatever.

Send to: NHBZNEWS@gmail.com

"Let your voice be heard"

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American Red Cross

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.

St. Louis Jewish Community Blood Drive

Congregation Young Israel
8101 Delmar Boulevard
St. Louis, MO

Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Visit redcrossblood.org (code YIJS)
or call 1-800-RED CROSS today
to make an appointment.

Walk-in donors welcome, however
appointments take priority.

Endorsed by
the Jewish Social Action Network

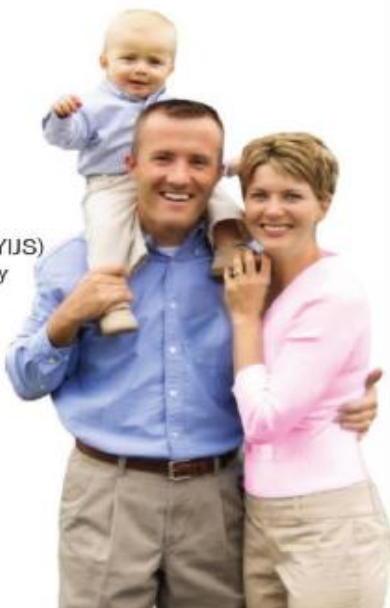
Harvey Kornblum
Jewish Food Pantry Drive

Non-perishable Items Needed:

Soup Canned Tuna

Peanut Butter Rice

Macaroni & Cheese



Plans for December 24?

Join us for an evening of



Hanukkah Fun

for the whole family

6:00-7:30 pm: Kids programming
including crafts, snacks, music and
a movie

*For adults we'll have entertaining and
informative sessions...and snacks*

7:30--9:00: Live Music



Latkes



Jelly Donuts



Cookies

Where: NHBZ 650 North Price Road,

Olivette ☺ Questions?: (314)991-2100 x2

*There is no charge for this event but everyone is asked to bring
canned goods for the Jewish Food Pantry*

SPONSOR MISHNA STUDY FOR A LOVED ONE

Learning Mishnayot in memory of a loved one, or for a Refuah Sheleima for a sick person, is an age-old Jewish Tradition. The word Mishna (learning) is closely related to the word Neshama (soul), and we believe that learning Mishnayot in someone's name acts as a Spiritual Elevation for that person or that person's soul.

Our Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Mishnayot Shiur, which learns every Sunday following morning minyan, is carrying on this tradition by dedicating the Mishnayos to those in whose names the Mishnayos will be learned.

You may sponsor Mishnayot Learning:

Dedicate Mishnayot for 1 year: \$250

Dedicate Mishnayot for 6 months: \$150

Dedicate Mishnayot for 3 months: \$96

Dedicate Mishnayot for 1 month: \$50

May your loved one be bound up in the bond of eternal life.

May HaShem be filled with compassion to restore the health of your loved one.



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

Lion's Den **DINE- IN** Pizza Night
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 !!

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

NEXT CARRY-OUT NIGHT TO BE ANNOUNCED

Shabbos Lunch & Learn Next Week

Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

will speak on the topic

"Is There Humor in the Torah?"

Installation Shabbos Jan. 7

Following Davening
Lunch plus Installation of
Officers, Directors & Trustees

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- *Marvin Stein*

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- *Ted Pevnick*
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Pre-paid Cash-Card Program

DO YOU GIVE CHANUKAH GIFTS?
Well! We have a deal for you!

You can use pre-paid cash-cards for your purchases or you can even give them as gifts, and earn free money 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.

Don't hesitate to call if you have questions
Janet Haber 314-567-7406 or
Bert Zakroff 413-220-0674

Did You Know? NHBZ has 10 Trustees

<i>H.H. Bremler</i>	<i>Sid Silverman</i>
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<i>Irwin Rosen</i>	

The Trustees are composed of all past presidents of the congregation. Bob Kaiser will become a Trustee as of January 1, 2012. According to the NHBZ by-laws, the Trustees have one duty: to nominate candidates to be officers and board members. The most recent past-president is the chairman of the nominating committee.

Hmmm
I thought so!

