

# NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

July 28, 2012

*Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion*

9 Av, 5772

Torah Portion Devarim  
Haftorah Devarim

Deuteronomy 1:1 – 3:22  
Isaiah 1:1 - 1:27

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## Erev Shabbos - Friday, July 27

- **Mincha & Maariv** (7:00 pm)
- **Candle Lighting** (7:58 pm)

## Shabbos Chazon- Saturday, July 28

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:
  - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
  - Haftorah: **Alan Haber**
  - Shacharis: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
  - Sermon: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
  - Leyning: **Mayer Weisel**
  - 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 & Lunch** (following Musaf) - Thanks to **"Pop"-Star Sally Needle** for sponsoring soda; thanks to **Bertha Berman** for sponsoring the sugar free cakes in honor of her birthday.
- **Shabbos Study Group** (none this week due to Tish B'Av) - Studies in Tanach, led by **Menachem Szus**; everyone at any level of learning is welcome; now studying Yeshayahu (Isaiah).
- **Mincha** (1:45 pm); **Shalosh Seudos** (at home, before 8:15 pm)
- **Tisha B'Av Fast Begins** (Saturday 8:15 pm)
- **Shabbos Concludes** (9:00 pm); **Ma'ariv** (9:10 pm)
- **Eicha (Book of Lamentations) / Kinos** (9:20 pm)



## This Week

Davening Times	Shabbos July 28	Sun. July 29	Mon. July 30	Tues. July 31	Wed. Aug 1	Thur. Aug 2	Fri. Aug 3	Shabbos Aug 4
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	1:45 pm	7:45 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:35 pm
Events	Tisha B'Av Ma'ariv 9:10 pm	Tisha B'Av programs	Grief Supt	Cash Cards	Lunch 'n' Learn	Shechita Class; Yiddish Club		

- **Tisha B'Av Program** (Sunday, July 29, 9:15 am) - NHBZ will show two DVDs: "Making Tisha B'Av Meaningful to Us Today", and "V'Nikdashhti" ("I Will Be Sanctified"): interviews with Holocaust Survivors.
- **Tisha B'Av Program** (Sunday, July 29, 2:00 pm) - St. Louis Holocaust Learning Center will show the film "A Yiddish World Remembered"; **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason** will introduce the film and lead a post-film discussion.
- **Tisha B'Av Fast Ends** (Sunday, July 29, 8:57 pm)
- **Sunday Learning** - (None this week, resumes next Sunday, Aug 5, 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** – (None this week, resumes next Sunday, Aug 5) - with **Rabbi Smason**, for young men and women; at Starbucks at Olive & Price, with complimentary drinks to all!
- **Tanya Class** (None this week, resumes next Sunday, Aug 5, 8:00 pm)

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- **Grief Support Group** (Monday, July 30, 6:30 pm) - in multi-purpose room on the lower level.
- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** (Wednesday, August 1, 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 2, 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, August 2, 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 **Tuesday, July 31** and **Thursday, August 16**; buy 'em before these dates and earn free money for NHBZ.

## Coming Events

- **Irvin Alper Social Club** (Sunday, August 5, 6:00 pm) - Join us for supper, social hour and the Movie "Keeping Up with the Steins"; all for only \$6; RSVP to Ruth Alper at 314-569-2877.
- **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group** (First Tuesday, August 7, 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!
- **Carry-Out Pizza Night** (Wednesday, August 15) – please place orders no later than Noon on August 15.
- **Shabbos Lunch 'n' Learn** (Saturday, August 18) - **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason** will speak on the topic "Jewish Genetic Myths"; lunch will be sponsored by **Norma & David Rubin**.
- **Chinese Food Night** (Monday, August 20)
- **Sisterhood Event** (Tuesday, August 21) - stay tuned for details.
- **Women's Guide to Time** (Monday, August 20, 7:30 pm) - Explore the powerful opportunities the Jewish lunar calendar offers us as women; presented by **Rebbitzen Chani Smason**; Month = Elul, Theme = Beloved, Sign = Bride, Focus = Desire; in the Teen Lounge on the lower level.
- **Dine-In Pizza Night** (Sunday, August 26, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm)

## Kasherus Alert

- **Herky's J Cafe** - As of July 27, 2012, Herky's J Cafe, located in the Jewish Community Center at 2 Millstone Campus, will no longer be under the supervision of the Vaad Hoer of St. Louis; however, some sealed, pre-packaged kosher items will be available for purchase.

## Meetings

- **Building Design Committee** (Wednesday, August 1, following minyan at 7:30 pm)
- **Executive Committee** (Tuesday, August 7, following minyan at 7:30 pm)
- **Board of Directors** (Tuesday, August 14, following minyan at 7:30 pm)



## Reminders

- **Bulletin Deadline is Noon on Wednesdays - Bulletin Assistants are needed**
- **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.
- **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 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; 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 Devarim

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## *Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates*



Looking for some good summer reading? I recommend *Road to Valor*, an inspiring story of Gino Bartali, the cyclist who made the greatest comeback in Tour de France history and secretly helped save the lives of up to 800 Jews during World War II. In 1943 Bartali, who had already won the Tour de France, helped persecuted Jews by smuggling identity photos. With valuable documents hidden inside the frame and saddle of his bicycle while on 200 mile-plus 'training runs', Bartali would ride while wearing a racing jersey emblazoned with his name. Neither the Italian Fascist police nor the German troops risked popular discontent by arresting the national sports icon.

In 1943, Bartali led Jewish refugees towards the Swiss Alps himself. He cycled pulling a wagon with a secret compartment, telling patrols it was just part of his training. Following his death in 2000, it emerged that Bartali had hidden a Jewish family in his cellar and according to one of the survivors, by doing so saved their lives. Bartali remained modest about his actions, not even telling his wife. His own public comment was "Good is something you do, not something you talk about. Some medals are pinned to your soul, not to your jacket."

The powerful Biblical command "*Do not stand idly by your brother's blood*" (Leviticus 19:16) mandates moral courage, obligating even the simple citizen to positively act to save a life. The Torah has always called for the protection of the weak, the beleaguered and the innocent. We must stand up and protect those unable to help themselves.

## *Parshas Devarim – Deuter. 1:1 - 3:11*



This week we begin the fifth and final book of the Torah, Deuteronomy. This book is also called Mishna Torah, "Repetition of the Torah" - thus the Greek title 'Deuteronomy.' Its contents were spoken by Moses to the Jewish people during the final five weeks of his life as the

people prepared to cross the Jordan River into the land of Israel. A central theme of Deuteronomy is Moses' review of the mitzvos, and his emphasis on the change of lifestyle the Jewish people were to undergo. The transition was to be made from a supernatural existence in the desert to a natural life to be experienced in the Land of Israel.

The portion begins with Moses' veiled rebuke in which he makes reference to the many sins and rebellions of the past forty years. Moses spends significant time discussing the failed mission of the spies; ten of the twelve men sent to scout out the land returned with a bad report, resulting in the entire nation wandering in the desert for forty years. Moses later discusses the Children of Israel's conquest on the eastern bank of the Jordan River. This Torah portion concludes with words of encouragement for Moses' successor, Joshua.

## *Rabbinic Ruminations*



The phrase 'There's no such thing as bad publicity' is often associated with Phineas T. Barnum, the 19th century American showman and circus owner. Barnum was a self-publicist of the first order and never missed an opportunity to present his wares to the public. Barbara Streisand, award-winning singer, actress, film producer and director, may feel differently about there being 'no such thing as bad publicity.'

The **Streisand Effect** refers to an attempt to hide or remove a piece of information which has the unintended consequence of publicizing the information more widely. The phenomenon takes its name from Barbra Streisand, who made an ill-fated attempt at reining in the Internet in 2003. When an environmental activist posted aerial photos of Streisand's Malibu beach house on his Web site as part of an environmental survey, she responded by suing him for \$50 million. Until the lawsuit, few people had spotted Streisand's house. However, the lawsuit brought more than a million visitors to the activist's Web site. Streisand's case was dismissed -- with Streisand ordered to pay \$177,107.54 in court and legal fees -- and a photo of her beach house was



picked up by the Associated Press and reprinted in newspapers around the world.

The idea that no publicity can do harm is clearly open to question. King Solomon said, "So you will find favor and good repute In the eyes of G-d and man." (Proverbs 3:4) Act with a cognizance that the Almighty is always watching. Simultaneously, be careful not to sully your reputation in the eyes of others.

### Quote of the Week

"If you wouldn't write it and sign it, don't say it -- Earl Wilson (1907-1987) American journalist and author

### Joke of the Week - NOT



Saturday night (July 28) begins *Tisha B'Av*, the Jewish National Day of Mourning. *Tisha B'Av* is a full 24 hour fast, similar in that respect to *Yom Kippur*. *Tisha B'Av* is the saddest day on the Jewish calendar, commemorating the multiple tragedies that occurred to the Jewish people throughout our long history. Remarkably, the destruction of the first and second Holy Temples took place on *Tisha B'Av* itself. *Tisha B'Av* is preceded by the sad and introspective period known as 'The 9 Days'. During these days we minimize joy and laughter to better focus on the meaning of this period of time. I have a great Joke of the Week to share with you .... but in deference to the solemnity of the 9 Days and *Tisha B'Av*, I'll save it for next week.

**Mazel Tov On Simchas  
this Week July 28 - August 3**

**Happy Birthday**

Bertha Berman  
Lawrence Abrams  
Sally Needle

**Happy Anniversary**

Saul & Elke Sudin

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

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### Minyan Information

At daily minyan, we have extra tefillin for you to borrow - and we can show you how to put them on.

Mayer Taller 997-0527

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Announcing a **FREE PERFORMANCE!!!**

The **Galilee Youth Circus**, along with the St. Louis youth performers (including NHBZ's own **Max Pepose!**), will be performing at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, July 31st at Central Reform Congregation! **FREE**

### COMING ATTRACTIONS

**CHINESE FOOD NIGHT**  
Monday, August 20

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND FAMILY PICNIC  
& BBQ**

Sunday, September 2

**COOKING FOR ROSH HASHANA**  
Wednesday, September 5

### ISRAEL CORNER

Jillian Schwartz, pole vaulter, will be representing Israel at the 2012 Olympic games in London. American-born in Evanston, Illinois, she attended Duke University, represented the U.S. at the 2004 games in Athens, Greece, and won 4 World Championships, before obtaining her Israeli citizenship in 2010. She has since become Israel's pole vault record holder.

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## Stump the Rabbi

Ask Rabbi Smason questions about Judaism. Ask in person, phone or email: [Pepshort613@gmail.com](mailto:Pepshort613@gmail.com)

### Question:

After the Torah reading on Rosh Chodesh and Monday & Thursday mornings, why is a haftarah not read? Why is there a haftarah on Tisha B'Av morning?

### Answer:

The limited number of aliyot on Rosh Chodesh (4) and weekday mornings (3) indicates that on those days work is permitted -- and people have to get to work! Therefore, upon conclusion of the Torah reading, the shachris (morning) service is immediately continued. Shabbos (with 7 aliyot), Yom Kippur (6) and Yom Tov (5) are days when we refrain from work; thus, there is ample time to hear and absorb the message of a relevant haftarah.

Although work is permitted on Tish'ah B'Av, the Sages discourage individuals from working on that day. Even more, it is said that no one will see a sign of blessing from work done on Tisha B'av. Therefore, a haftarah is read on Tisha B'Av morning. Wearing leather shoes and sitting on regular chairs are permitted until nightfall on Shabbos.

## *School Supplies*

Help us make all kids feel good on the first day of school with the **BRIGHT, SHINY, NEW** school supplies they need!

**3-Ring Binders - Paper - Crayons - Scissors  
Glue - Pens - Erasers - Pencils - Markers  
Tape - Spiral Notebooks - Index Cards**

Bring in the supplies or write a check to NHBZ or call Sandie to place a donation on your credit card.

**Make a great first day of school for every kid!!!**

## *Deadline - August 15*



## Getting to Know You

by Roving Reporter Robin Rickerman

**This week featuring Sid Silverman.**

**Tell me a bit about your family history.**



I was born in St. Louis, in 1930. My mom was from Minsk, Poland, and my dad was from Stoln, Russia. Phyllis and I were married in June of 1953. We have three children - Fredde, who is married to Julie, and they have three children, Dillon, Morgan and Eli. Mark is single and lives in Orlando. And

Sharen is married to Randy, and they have two daughters, Jessica and Bari.

**What is your favorite Jewish Holiday?**

Pesach. I love all the fresh food and the family getting together.

**What do most people not know about you?**

As a teenager I worked at the boathouse at Forest Park. When I was 17 years old, I skated in the Silver Skates, a national competition held in St. Louis, and I was an Ice Speed-Skating Champion.

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

In 1967, Fredde was ready to become a Bar Mitzvah. We started at Traditional, and after a while we came to Nusach Hari and fell in love with Rabbi Borow. In 1976, I became President of the congregation. Later I was elected Gabbai and then became the Honorary Gabbai, and served in those positions for 36 years.

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

At our age, we don't plan to take any long trips. But we would love to go back to ISRAEL and see the Bible come to life.

Interested in **NHBZ**

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## Tisha B'Av - 9<sup>th</sup> of Av

Tisha B'Av commemorates five events: the destruction of the two ancient Temples in Jerusalem, the sin of ten of the twelve scouts sent by Moses who spoke disparagingly about the Promised Land, the razing of Jerusalem following the siege of Jerusalem in 70 CE, and the failure of the Bar Kokhba revolt against the Roman Empire. Accordingly, the day has been called the "saddest day in Jewish history".

The fast lasts about 25 hours, beginning at sunset on the eve of *Tisha B'Av* and ending at nightfall the next day. In addition to the prohibitions against eating or drinking, we also observe prohibitions against washing or bathing, applying creams or oils, wearing leather shoes, and engaging in marital relations. In addition, mourning customs are traditionally followed for at least part of the day, including sitting on low stools, refraining from work and not greeting others. Eicha (Book of Lamentations) is read, followed by the *kinos*, a series of liturgical lamentations.

### Tisha B'Av Schedule 2012

#### Erev Tisha B'Av (Saturday, July 28)

Mincha 1:45 pm, **Fast begins 8:15 pm**, Ma'ariv 9:10 pm, Eicha & Kinnot 9:20 pm

#### Tisha B'Av Day (Sunday, July 29)

Shachris 8:00 am (no tallis & tefillin; Mincha 7:45 pm (tallis & tefillin are worn, **Fast ends 8:57 pm**.

At approximately 9:15 am, following services, we will show two DVDs: "Making Tisha B'Av Meaningful to Us Today", and "V'Nikdashti" ("I Will Be Sanctified"), a series of moving interviews with Holocaust Survivors.

At 2:00 P.M., the St. Louis Holocaust and Learning Center will show the film "A Yiddish World Remembered". **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason** will introduce the film and lead a post-film discussion at this annual community Tisha B'Av event. The film looks back at the vanished Jewish way of life that existed in Eastern Europe before WWII. Through never before seen films and photographs, traditional cantorial and Klezmer music and personal recollections, once vibrant cities and small towns (shtetls) come alive again.

## Today is Shabbos Chazon

(Shabbos of Vision)

Shabbos Chazon takes its name from the Haftarah that is read on the Shabbat immediately prior to the mournful fast of Tisha B'Av, from the words of rebuke and doom coming from Isaiah in the Book of Isaiah 1:1-27. It is also referred to as the Black Sabbath due to its status as the saddest Shabbat of the year (as opposed to the White Sabbath, Shabbat Shuvah, immediately preceding Yom Kippur).

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## Special Gifts Campaign

NHBZ is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 52 weeks per year. To provide such an ongoing operation, the congregation depends upon gifts and contributions *above and beyond* members' dues. Dues only pay for 30% of our operating expenses. In giving to NHBZ, you fulfill an important mitzvah.

A "**special gift**" is a donation above and beyond annual dues or to any of the specific funds. Those who give above a specified amount will be honored at a Special Gifts Event.

The 2012 "Special Gifts" Campaign is underway, and we give "Special" thanks to everyone who has made a pledge and has sent in his/her contribution. We are very grateful to each one of you. If you haven't made your pledge yet, please help your shul and call the office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2. **Make your contribution now!**