

NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

July 7, 2012

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

17 Tammuz, 5772

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Welcome to Israel Shabbos & Lunch

Featuring *Morton A. Klein*, National President of the Zionist Organization of America

Erev Shabbos - Friday, July 6

- **Mincha & Maariv** (7:00 pm)
- **Candle Lighting** (8:11 pm)

Shabbos - Saturday, July 7

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
 - Shacharis: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
 - Leyning: **Mayer Weisel**
 - Haftorah: **Rabbi Howard Graber**
 - Sermon: **none today**
 - 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 – Noon) – for children ages 4-8, in the Youth Lounge on the lower level.
- **Learners Service** (10:15 am) - led by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**, in the Chapel on the lower level.
- **Kiddush & Lunch** (following Musaf) - Lunch is sponsored by **Mrs. Sarah Klein** and friends of the Israel Committee - **Bob & Sandie Abrams, Alan & Janet Haber, Bob & Joni Kaiser, Mark Ragin & Gail Rose, David & Fran Reisler, Robin Rickerman, David & Norma Rubin, Richard & Mindy Woolf** - thanks to all.
- **Guest Speaker** (following lunch) - **Morton A. Klein**, National President of the Zionist Organization of America, will speak on the topic "Myths and Facts about Jerusalem: Whose City is it?"; Welcome to **Sarah Klein's** family, joining us to celebrate her special birthday: **Morton A. & Rita Klein** from Philadelphia; **Dr. Samuel & Dr. Hillary Klein** from St. Louis, and their children **Avi** and **Hannah**; Mazel Tov to **Avi** on his graduation from Knox College.
- **Birthday Sponsors** - Thanks to **"POP"-Star Ruth Alper** for sponsoring soda today in honor of the birthdays of **Fran, Caryn & Joanna Alper**; and thanks to **Lenny & Fran Alper** for a generous donation toward lunch in honor of all the Alper family July birthdays!!!
- **Shabbos Study Group** (6:50 pm) - Studies in Tanach, **led by Menachem Szus**; everyone at any level of learning is welcome; now studying Yeshayahu (Isaiah).
- **Mincha/Shalosh Seudos/Ma'ariv** (7:50 pm) - Guest speaker will be **Rabbi Josh Boretsky** of The Jerusalem Kollel.
- **Shabbos Concludes** (9:13 pm)



This Week

Davening Times	Shabbos July 7	Sun. July 8	Mon. July 9	Tues. July 10	Wed. July 11	Thur. July 12	Fri. July 13	Shabbos July 14
Shachris	9:00 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 pm	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv	7:50 pm	7:50 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:50 pm
Events	Israel Shabbos & Lunch; Shabbos Study	Fast of Tammuz; Learn;		Buy Cash Cards	Lunch 'n' Learn; Carryout Pizza	Shechita Class	Erev Shabbos	Legacy Shabbos

- **Fast of Tammuz** - (Sunday, July 8, 4:31 am to 9:10 pm) - We read selichos during morning prayers and read the Torah during morning and afternoon prayers: see picture ad for more details.
- **Sunday Learning** - (Sunday, July 8, 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** – (no meeting this week due to Fast of Tammuz, resumes next Sunday, July 15, 10:15 pm) - with **Rabbi Smason**, for young men and women; at Starbucks at Olive & Price, with complimentary drinks to all participants!
- **Tanya Class** (no meeting this week due to Fast of Tammuz, resumes next Sunday, July 15, 8:00 pm)
- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** (Wednesday, July 11, 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.
- **Carry-Out Pizza Night** (Wednesday, July 11) – please place orders by Noon on July 11₁
- **Shechita Class** (Thursday, July 12, 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 **Monday, July 16** and **Tuesday, July 31**; buy 'em before these dates and earn free money for NHBZ.

Coming Events

- **Legacy Shabbos** (Saturday, July 14) – Lunch will be sponsored by **Boris & Alla Yasinev** in honor of **Boris'** 50th birthday, and by **Kurt & Sandy Kahn** in honor of their birthdays and wedding Anniversary.
- **Grief Support Group** (Monday, July 16, 6:45 pm)
-  **Shabbos & Ari Weekend** (Friday, July 20 - Saturday, July 21)
- **Dine-In Pizza Night** (Sunday, July 22, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm) - **One week early due to Tisha B'Av.**
- **Morris Lenga 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.
- **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!
- **Women's Guide to Time** ((next date to be announced)
- **Irvin Alper Social Club** (next date to be announced)
- **Sisterhood** (no meeting in July; next date to be announced)

Meetings

- **Board of Directors** (Tuesday, July 10, following minyan at 7:30 pm)
- **Executive Committee** (Tuesday, July 24, following minyan at 7:30 pm)



Reminders

- **Bulletin Deadline is Noon on Wednesdays**
- **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 or Bert Zakroff at 220-0674 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 Balak

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Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates



Not long ago Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford befriended University of Michigan Children's Hospital patient Faith Falzone. Faith and her family were big Lions fans and also enjoyed visiting Chicago. Earlier this year at a Hospital fundraising auction, the quarterback began bidding on a package of tickets and travel to the Lions' Monday Night Football game in Chicago in October -- a package that he, himself, donated. In the words of Faith's mother, here's what then happened:

" ... as the bidding continued he wasn't backing off... Somewhere in the \$15K range, Matt Stafford was the owner of the (football) package As he won the package he turned to (my son) and said, there you go buddy, you go to Chicago, and take your family. The look on my sons face, I will never forget. His chin began to quiver, he was about to cry. He quickly jumped up and gave Matt a hug, and thanked him over and over again."

Not only had Stafford just donated \$15,000 to the Children's Hospital, but he also gave a special gift to a family who has been through so much. He later said, "I wanted to give them something they could really be excited about and something I know they deserved." The Torah teaches that one of the three pillars upon which the world stands is acts of human kindness. G-d created us in order to give us good. The world was designed such that the greatest good is to give to others and to be other-centered. Strive to act like Matthew Stafford, who understands that we are our brother's keeper.

Parshas Balak – Numbers 22:2 – 25:9



This week's portion shifts from the Jewish people's travels in the desert to the story of Bilam, the anti-Semitic prophet who attempted to curse the Children of Israel. Hired by Balak, the

king of Moav, Bilam embarks upon a journey to the Israelite encampment. An angel brandishing a sword blocks Bilam's path, causing his donkey to repeatedly swerve off the road. Unable to see the angel, Bilam responds by striking the donkey three times.

Miraculously, G-d causes the donkey to speak to Bilam -- shades of Mr. Ed, the talking horse in the 1960's TV show! Bilam's eyes are uncovered, and the humiliated prophet sees the angel standing in the path. The angel reminds Bilam that he may only speak the words that G-d places in his mouth. Upon arrival near the Jewish camp, Bilam repeatedly attempts to curse the people; each time G-d prevents him from doing so, but instead he ends up uttering several sets of praises, much to Balak's dismay.

The Torah portion concludes with the Jewish men's debauchery with the promiscuous daughters of Moav and Midian, and the public immoral act of Zimri (a prince of the tribe of Simeon) with a Midianite princess. Pinchas, Aaron's grandson, zealously responds by piercing them to death with a spear, halting a plague from G-d which had broken out in the camp.

Rabbinic Ruminations



Do you like your chocolate from Switzerland...or from China? According to new study in the *Journal of Consumer Research*, when consumers taste a chocolate

bar they think is made in Switzerland, they'll prefer it over one supposedly made in China. But if you tell them where it's from after they taste the candy, they'll prefer the Chinese chocolate.

In the chocolate study, undergraduates were given unbranded squares of Trader Joe's chocolates to taste. Half of the participants were told the chocolate was made in Switzerland; the remaining students were told the chocolate was made in China. But some were told this information before eating the chocolate and some were told afterwards. "When they were given the country of origin before tasting, the students liked the chocolate more when they were told it was from Switzerland," the authors write. "This was expected because Switzerland has a strong reputation for chocolate whereas China does not. Surprisingly, when they were given the country of origin after sampling, the students that were told the chocolate was from Switzerland liked it less than those told it was from China."

The Torah teaches us not to underestimate the power of perception and perspective. Be cognizant of the material reality in which you find yourself. Yet, while

perception isn't all of reality, it is capable of profoundly affecting how we relate to that reality. Ben-Zoma's famous teaching, "Who is wealthy? He who is happy with his portion" (Avos 4:1) reminds us that courage and gratitude are imperative in seeking a productive, satisfied life.

Quote of the Week

"This one makes a net, this one stands and wishes. Would you like to make a bet which one gets the fishes?" - Chinese Rhyme

Joke of the Week

Bubba walked into a doctor's office and the receptionist asked him what he had. Bubba said: "Shingles." So she wrote down his name, address, medical insurance number and told him to have a seat.

Fifteen minutes later a nurse's aide came out and asked Bubba what he had. Bubba said, "Shingles." So she wrote down his height, weight, a complete medical history and told Bubba to wait in the examining room.

A half hour later a nurse came in and asked Bubba what he had. Bubba said, "Shingles." So the nurse gave Bubba a blood test, a blood pressure test, an electrocardiogram, and told Bubba to take off all his clothes and wait for the doctor.

An hour later the doctor came in and found Bubba sitting patiently in the nude and asked Bubba what he had. Bubba said, "Shingles."

The doctor asked, "Where?"

Bubba said, "Outside on the truck. Where do you want me to unload 'em??"



OY VEY!

**Mazel Tov On Simchas
This Week July 7 - July 13**

Happy Birthday

**Frieda Aronson Caryn Alper
Jane Lyss Boris Yasinev
Judith Glazer Ileana Abrams
Saul Sudin Naomi Shanker**

Happy Anniversary

**Milton & Sally Tofle
Louis & Shirley Osheroff**

**Week of June 23 - June 29
Happy Belated Anniversary**

**Richard & Mindy Woolf
Alan & Vivian Zarkowsky
Boris & Alla Yasinev
Herbert & Phyllis Sunshine**

**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

A minyan is required to say part of the introduction to Grace after Meals (Birchas Hamazon) with Hashem's name: "Let us bless our G-d, from whose bounty we have eaten."

Mayer Taller 997-0527

Rabbi Smason 749-5271

Howard Sandler 409-7266

NHBZ Office 991-2100

Monument Dedications

**Shirley Sussman, wife of Carl Sussman
Lisa (Leah) Sussman, mother of Carl Sussman**

Sunday, July 22, 2012, 12:30pm.

Chevra Kadisha Cemetery
North & South at Page

ISRAEL CORNER

The Israeli biomedical company, IceCure, announced this week that it successfully removed benign breast cancer tumors from patients without surgery via the IceSense3, which uses an ultrasound-guided procedure that penetrates the tumor and then destroys it cryogenically – engulfing it with ice. No sutures are required and the entire process takes about 10 minutes.

Stump the Rabbi

Ask Rabbi Smason questions about Judaism. Ask in person, by phone or by email at:

Pepshort613@gmail.com

Question: What is in the Torah scroll that is read on Shabbos and the holidays? In which way/direction is it read?

Answer: A Torah scroll, a *Sefer Torah*, contains the five books of Moses -- Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. In Hebrew, the names of the books are *Berashis, Shemos, Vayikra, Bamidbar and Devarim*. Since Hebrew is read from right to left, the beginning of the scroll is on the right. That means that Genesis and the Creation begin on the right end of the scroll. The left end of the scroll, in Deuteronomy, has the last paragraphs of the Torah that discuss the death of Moses. The Torah is written in vertical columns which are read from the top, horizontal line by horizontal line (right to left) until the bottom.

Fast of the 17th of Tammuz Shiva Asar B'Tammuz

The fast is the start of a three-week mourning period for the destruction of the Temple. Since the 17th falls on Shabbos this year, the fast will be observed on the next day, Sunday, July 8, from 4:31 pm - 9:10 pm. The fast commemorates five tragic events that occurred on this date:

1. Moses broke the tablets when he saw the Jewish people worshipping the Golden Calf
 2. During the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem, the Jews were forced to cease offering the daily sacrifices due to the lack of sheep
 3. Roman General Apostomos burned the Torah
 4. An idol was placed in the Holy Temple
 5. The walls of Jerusalem were breached by the Romans in 69 CE, after a lengthy siege (three weeks later, after the Jews put up a valiant struggle, the Romans destroyed the second Holy Temple on the 9th of Av)
- The Jerusalem Talmud maintains that this is also the date when the Babylonians breached the walls of Jerusalem on their way to destroying the first Temple

Getting to Know You

by Roving Reporter Robin Rickerman

This week featuring *Sarah Klein*.



Tell me a bit about your family history.

I was born in Poland. I came from a strict orthodox family. There were 9 kids in my family, but only 7 survived the war. In 1950, I arrived in New York by boat. I went to Philadelphia, and then moved to St. Louis 8 years ago.

What is your favorite Jewish Holiday?

Passover. I love to get together with family.

What do most people not know about you?

I was very good in math in school. I taught kindergarten in Philadelphia.

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

When I moved here I wanted to live by an orthodox shul. I came to Nusach Hari and heard Rabbi Smason, and enjoyed hearing him speak very much. He made me feel at home.

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

I want to go back to Israel. I went to Israel with the Holocaust organization in Philadelphia in 1982, and fell in love with Israel.

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



**CARRY OUT NIGHT:
WEDNESDAY, JULY 11 !!**

HOT PIZZA WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU TO PICK UP!! OR ORDER AN UN-COOKED PIZZA TO FREEZE OR BAKE AT HOME!!
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 July 11

NEXT DINE-IN NIGHT IS JULY 22

**CHANGES FOR PIZZA DINE-IN NIGHT
STARTING ON JULY 22**

ADULT PRICES WILL INCREASE BY \$1.00, AND WE WILL BEGIN TAKING CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS. CHILDREN'S PRICES WILL REMAIN AT \$6.00 FOR KIDS 4-10; FREE TO KIDS 3 & UNDER!

FIRST PRICE INCREASE SINCE 2007!!!

Community-wide event Commemorating the 6th Yartzheit of **Sarah Adelman z'l**

Sunday, July 22, 2012 at 3:00 P.M.
Young Israel of St. Louis

Community-wide lecture, minimum
donation of \$18.00 per family

Featuring

Dr. Michelle Levine,
Professor of Bible at Stern College

**"THE RITUALS OF REPENTANCE IN THE
HAFTORAS OF THE THREE WEEKS"**

**SPONSORED BY THE SARAH ADELMAN
MEMORIAL FUND**

The Sarah Adelman Memorial Fund supports programs and initiatives to help educate the community about dealing with psychological and social issues. Needy children in the St. Louis Jewish Orthodox community requiring counseling are supported by the fund.

NHBZ Double-Header



Friday Evening July 20

7:00 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat on the Patio

Saturday Morning July 21

8:30 am - Regular Services

10:15 am - Learners Service

led by Rabbi Smason

11:00 am - Break-out sessions

- 10 Things Parents Can Do to Bring Judaism Alive for Kids - led by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
- Healthcare Reform: Where do we go from here? - led by **Patrick Ishmael**, Policy Analyst for the Show-Me Institute
- Insights from the ARI - led by **Rabbi Yosef David** of Aish Hatorah
- Youth Programming for kids 4 and over
Led by Abi Epstein
- Tot Shabbat - led by Whitney Gartenberg

12:00 Noon - Kiddush & Lunch

Legacy Shabbos & Lunch July 14

***Honoring those who have
committed to leaving a
legacy donation to NHBZ***

Featuring testimonials praising
the virtues of Legacy Giving
from **Fran Alper** and **Don Eisenberg**

Lunch will be sponsored by **Boris &
Alla Yasinev** in honor of **Boris'** 50th
birthday, and by **Kurt & Sandy Kahn**
in honor of their birthdays and wedding
Anniversary

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 official 2012 "Special Gifts" Campaign
is underway. Make your contribution
now!***