**NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin**

**June 23, 2012 *Welcome to Nusach Hari B’nai Zion* 3 Tammuz, 5772**

**Torah Portion Korach Numbers 16:1 – 18:32 Stone Chumash pages 820 - 837**

**Haftorah Korach I Samuel 11:14 - 12:22 Stone Chumash pages 1186- 1187**

**Erev Shabbos - Friday, June 22**

* ***Mincha & Maariv*** *(7:00 pm)*
* ***Candle Lighting*** *(8:12 pm)*

**Shabbos - Saturday, June 23**

* ***Shachris & Musaf*** *(9:00 am)*- Thank you for leading services:

- Pesukei D’Zimra: ***Howard Sandler*** *-* Haftorah: ***Richard Woolf***

- Shacharis: ***Menachem Szus*** *-* Sermon: ***Rabbi Ze’ev Smason***

-Leyning: ***Max Gornish*** *-* Musaf: ***Max Gornish***

* ***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*** *(following Musaf)* - is **sponsored by *Phyllis Shanke* in honor of her birthday as well as all the June birthdays in her family; *Lori Laird* is sponsoring a cake in honor of her daughter *Georgia*'s graduation.**
* ***Shabbos Study Group*** *(6:50 pm)* - Studies in Tanach, le***d by Menachem Szus*;** everyone at any level of learning is welcome; now studying Yeshayahu (Isaiah).
* ***Mincha/Shalosh Seudos/Ma’ariv*** *(7:50 pm) -* **Shalosh Seudos will be sponsored by *Sarah Klein* in memory of her beloved mother, *Matti Griner*.**

* ***Shabbos Concludes*** *(9:14* ***pm)***

**This Week**

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| ***Davening Times*** | **Shabbos** **June 23** | **Sun.** **Jun 24** | **Mon.** **Jun 25** | **Tues.** **Jun 26** | **Wed.** **Jun 27** | **Thur.****Jun 28** | **Fri.Jun 29** | **Shabbos****Jun 30** |
|  | **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** | **7:00 pm** | **7:00 pm** | **7:00 pm** | **7:00 pm** | **7:00 pm** | **7:00 pm** | **7:50 pm** |
|  | ***Events*** | **Sponsored Kiddush;****Shabbos Study**  | **Learn;****RAP;** **Pizza;****Tanya** | **Women’s Guide to Time** | **Buy Cash Cards** | **Lunch ‘n’ Learn;**  | **Shechita Class** | **Erev Shabbos** | **Graduation****Shabbos**  |

* ***Sunday Learning -***  *(Sunday, June 24, 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 –***  *(Sunday, June 24, 10:10 pm) -* with***Rabbi Smason****,* for young men and women; at Starbucks at Olive & Price, with complimentary drinks to all participants!
* ***Dine-In Pizza Night*** *(Sunday, June 24, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm)*
* ***Tanya Class (****Sunday****, June 24, 8:00 pm)***

* ***Women’s Guide to Time*** *(Monday, June 25, 7:30 pm)* - presented by ***Rebbitzen Chani Smason;*** *Jewish month = Tammuz; theme = separation; sign = crab; focus = free will;* Sound interesting? See you at NHBZ in the Teen Lounge!
* ***Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn*** *(Wednesday, June 27, 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, June 28 , 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, June 28*** and ***Monday, July 16;*** buy ‘em before these dates and earn free money for NHBZ.

**Coming Events**

* ***Graduation Shabbos*** *(Saturday, June 30) –* Kiddush will be sponsored by the graduates' proud parents and grandparents: Ruth Alper, Esther Kalina, Sarah Klein, Ted & Rachael Pevnick, and Leslie & Mimi Sabol.
* ***Grief Support Group*** *(Monday, July 2, 6:45 pm)*
* ***NHBZ Women's Home Study Group*** *(First Tuesday, July 3, 2:30 pm)* - at the home *o****f Jackie Berkin***; Topic is "The Six Constant Mitzvos,"presented *b****y Rabbi Shaya Mintz****,* of the St. Louis Kollel; all women are welcome; please join us!
* ***Morris Lenga Yiddish Club*** *(First Thursday, July 5, 7:30 pm) -* Join us for a spirited hour filled with Yiddish stories, songs and laughter; "mavens" as well as novices are welcome.
* ***Israel Shabbos & Lunch*** *(Saturday, July 7) -* Guest speaker ***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?; lunch will be sponsored by ***Mrs. Sarah Klein*** and the Israel Committee.
* ***Carry-Out Pizza Night*** *(Wednesday, July 11)* – please place orders by Noon on July 11
* ***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.
* **Synaplex Shabbos & Ari Weekend** (*Friday, July 20 - Saturday, July 21)*

* **Irvin Alper Social Club** *(next date to be announced)*
* ***Sisterhood*** *(no meeting in July; next date to be announced)*

##### Meetings

* *Executive Committee (Tuesday, June 26, following minyan at 7:00 pm)*
* *Board of Directors (Tuesday, July 10, following minyan at 7:00 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.
* ***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;
	+ For the Libby Needle Fund, call Sally Needle at 314-991-2575;
	+ For the Chesed Fund, drop by the office for a card pack.
* ***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 Korach June 23, 2012 3 Tammuz, 5772**

***Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates***

It's almost expected that celebrities throw their children over-the-top birth-day bashes. Sean "Diddy" Combs bought his son Justin a $360,000 car on his 16th birthday. One of the most celebrated tots in Hollywood, Suri Cruise, had a second birthday party that made headlines. Parents Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes spent a reported $100,000 on the event. The theme was butterflies and the lavish cake had a $5,000 price tag alone. Catering set back the famous parents $45,000. But when it comes to some of the rich and famous, their own birthday bashes are *way* over-the-top.

Investment tycoon Steve Schwarzman celebrated his 60th birthday with five to six hundred of his closest friends, including Colin Powell and Donald Trump. The guests enjoyed entertainment put on by marching bands and military cadets, Yale singers as well as the Abyssinian Baptist choir. Pattie LaBelle, Rod Stewart and Marvin Hamlisch attended the bash,which was estimated to have cost between $3 and $15 million.

In the Jewish tradition, the emphasis on a birthday should be giving thanks to G-d for the gift of having lived another year. Although giving *tzedaka* (charity) should be a daily event, on your birthday you should increase the amount of your contribution. On your birthday, take some time out to contemplate your past year. Call your mother on your birthday to thank her for bringing you into the world. And by the way ....don't forget the yummy cake, and sharing your special day with family and friends. Mazel tov!

***Parshas Korach – Numbers 16:1 – 18:32***

This week's Torah portion begins with the infamous rebellion led by Korach against his cousins, Moses and Aaron, claiming that the two of them had usurped power from the rest of the Jewish people. Korach, motivated by jealousy and a desire for honor, rejected Moses' authority and claimed that the appointment of Aaron as Kohen Gadol (Head Kohen) was motivated by nepotism. Korach cleverly persuaded 250 judges and others from disaffected groups to become his followers in the rebellion.

A frequent theme in the Torah is: Sooner or later G-d always gets the last word. In Korach's case, it was sooner. What was the result of the rebellion? G-d made the earth open up to swallow Korach, the ringleaders of the rebellion, and their families. Fire consumed the remainder of the 250 rebels. The story of Korach's rebellion concludes with an act of re-conciliation -- and surprisingly, a U.S. Presidential reference. The staffs of the leaders of the 12 tribes were placed near the Ark of the Covenant. To prove that the tribe of Levi and Aaron was Divinely chosen, Aaron's staff sprouted leaves, almond blossoms and even almonds. I suppose you could say that this miracle made Aaron ....Chief of Staff!

***Rabbinic Ruminations***

"So how did you do on the test?" "I think I did good!"

Many of us are overly optimistic when evaluating the quality of our performance on intellectual tasks. The average person, when asked, typically claims that he or she is “above average", which is, of course, statistically impossible. In a survey of engineers at one company, 42% thought their work ranked in the top 5% among their peers. Elderly people tend to believe they are “above average” drivers -- Yikes!! Academics are not immune. A survey of college professors revealed that 94% thought they do “above average” work—a figure that defies mathematical plausibility.

A recent study shows that the poorest performers are the least aware of their own incompetence. Research by Kruger and Dunning (1999) showed that students performing in the bottom 25% among their peers on tests of grammar, logical reasoning, and humor tended to think they are performing above the 60th percentile. Known as the **Dunning-Kruger effect**, this cognitive bias of illusory superiority is attributed to a tendency of the unskilled to overestimate their own level of skill, a failure to recognize genuine skill in others, and a failure to recognize the extremity of their inadequacy.

The greatest blessing one can bestow is to enlighten another and acquaint him with himself. The Mishnah (Avos 3:18) says: "Man is precious, having been created in G-d's image, and even more so for having been informed that he was created in G-d's image." Self-knowledge of our abilities and talents, as well as our shortcomings and limitations, is the greatest blessing; it is the means enabling us to realize our Divine mission in this world.

***Quote of the Week“***

Old age isn't so bad when you consider the alternative.” -- Maurice Chevalier, at age 64

**Joke of the Week**

Two guys were talking about their boss' upcoming wedding. One guy says, "It's ridiculous! He's rich, but he's 95 years old and she's just 24! What kind of wedding is that?

"The other guy says, "Well, we have a name for it in my family."

"What do you call it?"

"We call it a football wedding."

The first guy asks, "What's a football wedding?"

The other says, "She's waiting for him to kick off!"

**ISRAEL CORNER**

* Israel's economy is larger than all of its immediate neighbors combined
* In proportion to it's population, Israel has the largest number of startup companies in the world
* In *absolute* numbers, Israel has the largest number of start-up companies than any other country in the world, except the US !

**SUPPORT**

**THE BARBARA MENDELSON TOMCHEI SHABBOS PROGRAM!**

Tomchei Shabbos is a program that helps our fellow St. Louis Jews, in need, to properly prepare for Shabbos. Tomchei Shabbos is in need of replenishing supplies such as foil pans, paper products (e.g. paper towels, tissues, toilet tissue), and Ziplocs of all sizes. Of course, all non-perishable food items are also greatly needed. Please drop off the items in the designated box at the shul. The items will be picked up the week of July 16th. If you have any questions, call Merle Hartstein at 725-1192.

**Minyan Information**

A minyan is required for Birkas Kohanim (the blessing of the Kohanim).

Mayer Taller 997-0527

 Rabbi Smason 749-5271

 Howard Sandler 409-7266

 NHBZ Office 991-2100

**Mazel Tov On Simchas**

**This Week June 23 – June 29**

**Phyllis Shanke Sanford Koenig**

**Roma Kleiman Daniel Givon**

**Gary Benson Lary Baker**

**Happy Anniversary**

**Jay Pepose & Susan Feigenbaum**

**Robert & Sheryl Levine**

**Lawrence & Carol Abrams**

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**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!!!**

###### Stump the Rabbi

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

***Question:*** What is 'Duchaning'?

***Answer:***  Birkas Kohanim, is the blessing given to the congregation by the Kohanim. Birkas Kohanim is also known in Hebrew as Nesias Kapayim, the raising of the hands. It is also known as Duchanen (or, Duchaning), from the Yiddish word dukhan -- platform -- because the blessing should be given from a raised area.

There are various customs as to when Birkas Kohanim is performed. In Israel, Birkas Kohanim is traditionally performed daily during the repetition of the Shachris Amida, and on Shabbos and Yom Tov during the repetition of the Musaf Amida. In the Diaspora, Ashkenazic communities perform Birkas Kohanim only on Yom Tov. Based upon Numbers 6:23-27 where Aaron and his sons bless Bnai Yisrael, Birkas Kohanim can only be per-formed by male Kohanim above the age of 13. When listening to Birkas Kohanim, it is customary to spread one's tallis over one's head so as not to look at the Kohanim. If a man has children, they will come under his tallis to be blessed, even if they are quite old.

**PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA**

**at NHBZ!!!**

**Lion's Den DINE- IN Pizza Night**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 24 !!**

**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: $10.00**

**Next Carry-Out Night**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 11**

**Getting to Know You**

**by Roving Reporter Robin Rickerman**

**This week featuring *Kenny Bressler.***

Tell me a bit about your family history.

My father's parents were from Russia, my Mother’s parents were born here, and I was raised in St. Louis. My wife's family is from Dayton, Ohio. My older brother and

sister are twins - Larry and Linda. My father was VP of Sigma Chemical Company while my mother devoted herself to raising the three of us. I am married to my loving wife Barb for 30 years and we have two fabulous children – Jamie and Josh.

What is your favorite Jewish Holiday?

Shavuos – you get to try to stay up all night learning and eating cheesecake.

What is something most people don’t know about you?

I studied architecture in France for a year; I’m past president of the St. Louis Woodworker’s Guild; I built Aronot and Mechitzot for seven shuls around the country; I participated in four Ironman triathlons in Hawaii. We raised chickens for 14 years, and I enjoy hiking the Appalachian Trail and Shenandoah Park with my friend Jim Pollock. Oh, and I am a big Star Trek fan – may NHBZ live long and prosper!

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

I think it's the other way around – I was the one who was fortunate to find Nusach Hari. First I attended Rabbi Smason’s Talmud class, then Minyan, then Shabbos services, and. Well. one thing led to another and here I am. Everyone is warm and welcoming and there are many opportunities to be involved. Having Linda and Menachem here – my sister and brother-in-law - is an added bonus.

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

I lived in a Yeshiva in Jerusalem for a week, but I never went out. I would like to revisit Israel and explore the countryside and the holy sites with my family.

***The $54,000 Challenge***

***An anonymous donor has***

***issued a challenge to the***

***Nusach Hari Bnai Zion community:***

For every ***new*** dollar we raise for the Capital Campaign, this donor will contribute a half dollar, up to a total of $18,000! That means if we can raise $36,000 of ***new*** money for the Capital Campaign, this donor will contribute an ***additional*** $18,000. Your donation must be at least $250 in order to be matched, and you can pay it out over time.

***Let us rise to this challenge!*** If you have not yet contributed to the Capital Campaign, then please do so now. If you have already contributed then PLEASE consider enhancing your donation.
Let us get the FULL BENEFIT of this generous grant!

**If we raise $36,000 of new money,**

**‘anonymous’ will contribute $18,000**

***And the Capital Campaign will gain***

***$54,000***

***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 and 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 will be underway soon. You don’t need to wait; make your contribution now and designate it as a “Special Gift”.

***Shabbos***

June 30 - Graduation Shabbos

July 7 - Israel Shabbos

July 14 - **Legacy Shabbos**

July 21 - Shabbos

July 28 - Your name here

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