NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

June 25, 2011

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

23 Sivan, 5771

B'nai Tíon

Torah Portion Korach: Haftorah Shelach:

Numbers 16:1 - 18:32 I Samuel 11:14 - 12:22 Stone Chumash pages 820 - 837 Stone Chumash pages 1186 - 1187

Erev Shabbos - Friday, June 24

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

Shabbos - Saturday, June 25

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

Pesukei D'Zimra: Howard Sandler

Shacharis: Menachem Szus

Leyning: Michael Shapiro

Haftorah: Michael Shapiro

Sermon: Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

- Musaf: **David Rubin**

- Girls Jr. Congregation (10:30 am) Girls Jr. Congregation and younger children meet in the Children's Room on the lower level with Nina Levine and Georgia Laird.
- **Kiddush** (following Musaf)
- **Shabbos Study Group** (7:05 pm) Studies in Tanach, led by **Menachem Szus**; everyone at any level of learning is welcome; now studying Yeshayahu (Isaiah).
- Boys' Mishna Study Group (7:20 pm) With Rabbi Smason, for boys ages 10-17.
- Mincha/Shalosh Seudos (7:50 pm)
- **Shabbos Concludes** (9:14 pm)

This Week

•	Davening Times	Shabbos June 25	Sun. June 26	Mon. June 27	Tues. June 28	Wed. June 29	Thur. June 30	Fri. June 1	Shabbos June 2
	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	7:50 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:50 pm

- **Sunday Learning** (Sunday June 26 following Shachris) **Rabbi Chanan Swidler** of Aish HaTorah leads Mishna study for men following Sunday morning services; davening at 8:00 am.
- Dine-in Pizza Night (Sunday, June 26, 5:00 pm 7:00 pm)
- **RAP with the RABBI Teen Group** is on recess for the Summer.
- Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn (Wednesday, June 29, 12:15 pm) 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 each Wednesday.
- Next Shabbos (July 2) Kurt & Sandy Kahn will sponsor Kiddush in honor or their Wedding Anniversary and their Birthdays; Ruth Alper will sponsor soda in honor of the birthdays of Fran, Caryn and Joanna Alper; Sarah Klein will sponsor Shalosh Seudos in memory of her beloved mother, Matti Griner, z"l.
- Buy and Use Cash Cards and Kohn's Scrip Next Cash-card Order Days are June 30 and July 15; earn free money for NHBZ; order your cards this week; buy Kohn's Scrip any time.
- YIZKOR On Shavuos, we recited the Yizkor prayer in memory of our deceased loved ones; Yizkor includes a pledge to give charity in memory of the deceased, which we believe will be a merit for their souls; please make your contribution to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion, and we thank those who have already sent in their donations.

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Coming Events

- Irvin Alper Social Club (First Sunday, but no meeting in July)
- NHBZ Women's Home Study Group (First Tuesday, July 5, 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!!!
- Morris Lenga Yiddish Club (First Thursday, July 7, 7:30 pm) Join us for a spirited hour filled with Yiddish stories, songs and laughter; seasoned "mavens" as well as novices are welcome.
- Birthday & Anniversary Lunch & Learn (July 9) honoring birthdays and anniversaries in July; Rabbi Smason will speak on the topic "Is Reincarnation a Jewish Concept?"
- Carry-Out Pizza Night (Wednesday, July 13)

Kashrus Alert

- **Fresh Corn** recommendations for preparing: 1) Do not cook ears of corn with the husk on, 2) Cook ears of corn before barbequing them do not barbeque raw corn, 3) Remove the husks, wash the corn, and inspect well do not use ears that have holes or are rotting, 4) Check the water after cooking, especially the surface of the water if insects or worms are found, discard the corn.
- **Meijer "M" Creamy Ranch Dressing** label mistakenly bears an OU symbol without the D (Dairy), but the product is actually dairy; corrective measures have been taken.
- Tabatchnick Soup Singles New York Style Chicken Broth with Noodles and Vegetables was
 inadvertently labeled as KOF-K PARVE; it is in fact certified as KOF-K MEAT; labeling is being corrected.

Meetings

- Executive Committee Meeting (Tuesday, June 28, 7:30 pm following minyan)
- **Board of Directors** (Tuesday, July 12, 7:30 pm following minyan)

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.
- Buy a Brick Online or by Phone Our website now accepts online donations for the Brick and Planting Campaign; go to http://www.nhbz.org/dedications.asp or call the office at 314-991-2100.
- **Donate a Book** 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.
- Free Money for NHBZ!! Use Schnuck's Scrip and buy Cash Cards; call Scrip and Cash 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 Pratzel's may be closed, but Norma's Bakery is open! Every purchase from Norma's Bakery includes a donation to NHBZ; To order, call Norma Yabeta at 314-398-1044 or send email to lemuriana999@hotmail.com.
- **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 991-2100.
- Even More Volunteer Opportunities Our new shul is nearing completion, but there is still much work to be done. If you would like to help on one of the following committees, please contact Lenny Alper at 314-993-4024: memorial boards, recognition plaques, mechitza, kitchen appliances, lobby decor, chapel decor, landscaping, moving, or you-name-it.

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.

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Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates



The most exciting three-week event in sports is about to begin. The 98th Tour de France will cover a total distance of about 2,000 miles, and many of the riders lining up on July 2 will be cheating. Some incredibly creative alibis have been used by cyclists previously involved

in drug and doping scandals. American Alexi Grewal once said he'd gorged himself on poppy seed muffins. U.S. Olympic Gold Medalist Tyler Hamilton (caught with somebody else's DNA in his blood) said the DNA came from his chimeric twin, which had died in utero and been absorbed by Hamilton. Floyd Landis, dethroned Tour Champion, said his elevated testosterone levels were due to "whiskey and general manliness." And taking the cake (or, perhaps, the pie) for the most creative alibi is Dutch cyclist Adri van der Poel who said his father fed him pie made from euthanized pigeons.

Benjamin Franklin said, "He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else." Some claim to be too busy to study Torah. Others use the excuse that they're too old to even start. Talmudic scholar Rabbi Akiva didn't learn the Aleph-Beis (the Hebrew alphabet) until age 40. Until that time he was a successful businessman, running the operation of his future father-in-law's herds. One day he came to the realization that despite his age and background, it was time to connect with his Jewish heritage through the study of Torah. That same Rabbi Akiva became the greatest sage of his generation with 24,000 students. Let us set aside the alibis and excuses. Now is the perfect time to begin to explore our 3,300-year-old heritage.

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 Cohen) 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 reconciliation -- 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 AaronChief of Staff!

Rabbinic Ruminations

It is well known that bats and dolphins use echolocation to navigate by producing high frequency bursts of clicks and interpreting the sound waves that bounce off objects in their surroundings. Less well known is that humans can also learn to echolocate. Teenager Ben Underwood, who died of cancer in 2009, was one of a small number of blind people to master it. Active in many sports, Ben could also tell the difference between a fire hydrant and a rubbish bin, and — if you took him to a house he had never been to before — tell you he could 'see' a staircase in that corner and a kitchen in the other. How did he do it? As Ben moved about, he habitually made clicking noises with his tongue; these sounds bounced off surfaces and, as each sound returned, added to his perception of his surroundings.

In the first study of its kind, researchers used MRIs to



monitor the brain activity of two blind echolocation experts. Their findings show that echolocation engages regions of the brain that normally process vision.

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Numerous other studies show that blindness can

lead to extensive brain re-organization. Remarkably, such changes can activate brain regions that would not normally process them. This adaptive ability of the brain is truly remarkable.

Over the millennia few have better adapted to change and challenge than the Jewish People. Many countries welcomed us with open arms. However, after periods of tranquility -- at times measured in years, at times measured in generations -- Jewish life became very difficult. Yet, we continued to survive and even thrive in exile. The name Jacob (Yaakov), literally meaning 'heel' or 'end of the body', connotes the idea that 'he will remain at the end.' This blessing has conferred upon us the ability to develop and adapt. On both a national and personal level, faith and trust in God can help us adjust to life's changing circumstances.

Quote of the Week

"Losing an illusion makes you wiser than finding a truth" -- Ludwig Börne, German political writer and satirist (born Loeb Baruch, d. 1837)



Joke of the Week

Benjamin woke up one Saturday morning in a bad mood. When he came down to breakfast, he sat across from his visiting sister Sarah. "I'm not going to shul today!"

"Yes you are," Sarah replied calmly.

"No I'm not ...I don't think I really want to ever go again!" Benjamin said with obvious irritation. "The people down there don't like me, they ignore me, they're mean to me, and I won't go back."

"You have to go back," Sarah said, "and I'll give you two reasons. Number one, you're 45 years old -- and number two, you're the rabbi!"



PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA at NHBZ!!!

Lion's Den DINE- IN Pizza Night

SUNDAY, JUNE 26 !! 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

All-You-Can-Eat Buffet of Pizza, Spaghetti, Garlic Bread & Salad plus Dessert & Beverage Kids under 4 FREE Kids 4-12:\$6.00 Adults: \$10.00

NEXT CARRY-OUT NIGHT IS JULY 13

NEW SHUL ALERT

If you have any personal belongings that you have left around the old building, please make sure to remove them before the end of July. There are "things" hanging on coat racks upstairs and down; there are women's belongings in the armoire in the downstairs ladies room. Please take your tallis and tefillin home during the move.

Monument Dedications

Julius Cohen, z"l

Sunday, June 26 at 12:00 Noon Chevra Kadisha Cemetery, North & South and Page

Sol Feit, z"l

Sunday, June 26 at 1:30 p.m., Chesed Shel Emes Cemetery on White Road

2011 SPECIAL GIFTS CAMPAIGN IS NOW UNDERWAY

A "SPECIAL GIFT" is a donation you make to NHBZ that is **above and beyond** annual dues and any specific funds, tributes or honors to which you might have contributed. Those who make a "special gift" above a specified amount will be honored at the annual Special Gifts Event.

The Special Gifts Phonathon will take place soon!

Don't miss the Special Gifts Event!

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GRADUATION MAZEL TOV TO ...

- Ruth Novack Alper in honor of her grandson, Jeremy Novack, graduating from Ladue Horton Watkins
 High School; Jeremy will be attending Tulane University in the fall. Mazel Tov to parents, Neal & Cindy
 Novack.
- Rabbi Howard and Felicia Graber on the graduation of their granddaughter, Tovah Nehrer, from 8th grade at Fuchs Mizrachi School. She will continue her studies at Fuchs Mizrachi School in Cleveland. Mazel Tov to parents, Dr. Jonathan and Sarah Nehrer.

(My sincere and heartfelt apologies to *Ruth Alper* and *Rabbi Howard & Felicia Graber* for inadvertently omitting their simchas from last week's Graduation Shabbos festivities, from Sandie Abrams.)

DID YOU KNOW?

The NHBZ Sisterhood, through its many activities, has raised funds for the Passport to Israel Program as well as for establishing and maintaining our kitchens. They sponsor Hamantashen for Purim and Candy Apples for Simchas Torah.

Sisterhood has a monthly luncheon that enables both men and women to eat a delicious Kosher meal at a reasonable price, and to socialize with each other.

The Sisterhood invites you to join them so it can continue to do its important work. Everyone is welcome, and life memberships are available.

Pre-paid Cash-Card Program

Do you buy prescriptions at Walgreens or CVS? Do you buy them monthly?

Well! We have a deal for you! You can use a pre-paid cash-card for your purchases & earn \$\$ for

NHBZ!

For example, if you spend \$25 per month at Walgreens or CVS for one year, you will earn \$24 (8% of your purchase) for NHBZ. If you spend \$50 per month for one year, you will earn \$48 for NHBZ.

If 25 people do this, we will earn \$1200 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 Thanks to the following people who bought cash cards this month:

Ruth Alper
Eldad & Danielle Bialecki
Denny Feit
Esther Gelb
Alan & Janet Haber
Bob & Joni Kaiser
Bobby & Sheryl Levine
David & Fran Reisler
Sid & Phyllis Silverman
Bert & Tzipporah Zakroff
Alan & Vivian Zarkowsky

Your Name Here!

Norma's Bakery is Open

Enjoy fresh baked homemade challah and cake, and support **NHBZ** at the same time!

Every purchase includes a donation to **NHBZ** & it *still* costs less than other "home" kosher bakeries

All baked goods are pareve and prepared in the NHBZ kitchen under RABBINIC SUPERVISON of Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

Challah, medium	\$4.50	(\$1.00 to NHBZ)
Challah, large	\$6.00	(\$2.00 to NHBZ)
Lemony Lemon Cake	\$8.00	(\$2.00 to NHBZ)
Chocolaty Chocolate Cake	\$8.00	(\$2.00 to NHBZ)
Fresh Apple Apple Cake	\$8.00	(\$2.00 to NHBZ)

Call Norma Yabeta at 314-398-1044 before Noon on Wednesday so your order will be ready for pick up before Shabbos.



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