

NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

June 30, 2012

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

10 Tammuz 5772

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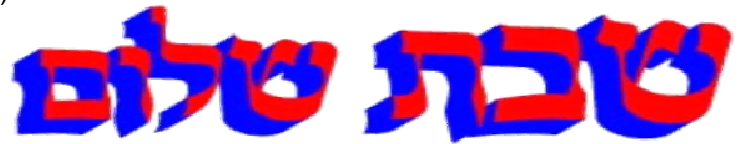
MAZEL TOV TO OUR GRADUATES

Erev Shabbos - Friday, June 29

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

Graduation Shabbos - Saturday, June 30

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
 - Shacharis: **Howard Sandler**
 - Leyning: **Adam Ariel**
 - Haftorah: **Moshe Pinto**
 - Sermon: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
 - Musaf: **Menachem Szus**
- **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) - Kiddush is sponsored by the graduates' proud parents and grandparents: **Ruth Alper, Esther Kalina, Sarah Klein, Ted & Rachael Pevnick, and Leslie & Mimi Sabol.**
- **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)
- **Shabbos Concludes** (9:14 pm)




This Week

Davening Times	Shabbos June 30	Sun. July 1	Mon. July 2	Tues. July 3	Wed. July 4	Thur. July 5	Fri. July 6	Shabbos July 7
Shachris	9:00 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 pm	8:00 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; Tanya	Grief Support	Women's Home Study Group	Lunch 'n Learn will resume July 11	Shechita Class: Yiddish Club	Erev Shabbos	Israel Shabbos

- **Sunday Learning** - (Sunday, July 1, 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, July 1, 10:10 am) - with **Rabbi Smason**, for young men and women; at Starbucks at Olive & Price, with complimentary drinks to all participants!
- **Tanya Class** (Sunday, July 1, 8:00 pm)
- **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 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!

- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** (Resumes 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.
- **Morris Lengua 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.
- **Shechita Class** (Thursday, July 5, 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.
- **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.
- **Buy and Use Cash Cards** (Monday – Friday) – Next order dates are and **Monday, July 16 and Tuesday, July 31**; buy 'em before these dates and earn free money for NHBZ.

Coming Events

- **Women's Guide to Time** ((next date to be announced)
- **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.
-  **Shabbos & Ari Weekend** (Friday, July 20 - Saturday, July 21)
- **Dine-In Pizza Night** (Sunday, July 22, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm)
- **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 7:00 pm)
- **Executive Committee** (Tuesday, July 24, 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 Chukas

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Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates

How close is close? Ask Allyson Felix and Jenebah Tarmoh. Seeking the third and final spot on the U.S. Olympic track and field team, the two sprinters finished in a "dead heat" for third place in Sunday's women's 100-meter final. Allyson and Jenebah crossed the finish line at precisely the same time, each leaning across the finish line in 11.068 seconds. "In the blink of an eye" is a phrase that is often used to convey a sense of speed. While the blink of an eye is indeed a very short period of time -- about 300 to 400 milliseconds or 3/10ths to 4/10ths of a second -- not even a *thousandth* of a second separated the two female athletes. The tie will be broken with either a runoff or a coin flip.

The Torah teaches us to value time. We ask G-d, "Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom." (Psalm 90:12) Every moment a person can do good, perfect his character, make the world a better place. The Almighty gives us a limited amount of time and it is up to us to make the most of it. Many of us live our lives as if we will live forever, putting off even important things for another day. But ask an Olympic athlete: They'll tell you that every moment of life is precious.

Parshas Chukas Numbers 19:1 - 22:1

This week's action-packed portion begins with the paradox of the Red Heifer, a mitzvah we are asked to perform though unable to understand its purpose and reason. The narrative then jumps to the death of the prophetess Miriam. The Jewish people are then left without water, since the miraculous well, which had accompanied them in the desert, existed only in her merit. G-d commands Moses and Aaron to speak to a particular rock so it will miraculously produce water; Moses strikes it with his staff instead, and G-d tells the two leaders they will not enter the Promised Land. What did Moses do wrong? One classic approach suggests that Moses' sin was that he became angry (he said to the Jewish people, 'Listen now, you rebels'). Although the best among us can occasionally lose our temper, teachers and parents carry a special responsibility to be good role models for their students and children. Little pitchers have big ears! Later in the portion, the king of Edom refuses to let the Jewish people pass through his

borders, causing them to take a longer route. Aaron dies and is buried on Mount Hor. The Children of Israel sing a song of praise about the well of Miriam. The portion concludes with the battles and victories over Sichon the king of Emori and Og the king of Bashan.

Rabbinic Ruminations

Saccharin, the sweetener in the pink packet, was discovered in 1879 because Constantin Fahlberg didn't wash his hands after a day at the office. Fahlberg, a chemist, was trying to come up with new and interesting uses for coal tar. After a productive day at the office, he went home and something strange happened. He noticed the rolls he was eating tasted particularly sweet. Fahlberg asked his wife if she had done anything interesting to the rolls, but she hadn't. The chemist realized the taste must have been coming from his hands -- which he hadn't washed. The next day Fahlberg went back to the lab and started tasting his work until he found the sweet spot.

There are many stories of accidentally invented food: the potato chip was born when cook George Crum (yes, really his name!) tried to silence a finicky customer who kept sending french fries back to the kitchen for being soggy; Popsicles were invented when Frank Epperson left a drink outside in the cold overnight; and ice cream cones were invented at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis. George Bang, owner of Banner Creamery, was selling ice cream. Allegedly, he ran out of bowls and was given rolled-up waffles to serve it in instead.

Remember being taught in middle school that scientific inquiry begins with a prediction, which is then tested in an experiment, later analyzed, and concluded? While the scientific method allows for one to prove or disprove a theory or hypothesis, many important discoveries such as Saccharin seem to have come about by randomness and chance. However, as novelist Mark Helprin said, "'Nothing is random, nor will anything ever be.'" A firm belief in G-d leads to the inescapable conclusion that there are no accidents. Everything -- even 'accidental' inventions -- happen for a reason.

Quote of the Week

The dream of being in love is a lot different than the reality of making it work. -- *Katy Perry*

Joke of the Week

A man and his wife were awakened at 3:00 am by a loud pounding on the door. The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, is asking for a push. 'Not a chance,' says the husband, 'it is 3:00 in the morning!' He slams the door and returns to bed.

'Who was that?' asked his wife.

'Just some drunk guy asking for a push,' he answers. 'Did you help him?' she asks.

'No, I did not, it is 3:00 in the morning and it is pouring rain out there!'

'Well, you have a short memory,' says his wife. 'Can't you remember about three months ago when we broke down, and those two guys helped us? I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself!' The man does as he is told, gets dressed, and goes out into the pounding rain.

He calls out into the dark, 'Hello, are you still there?'

'Yes,' comes back the answer.

'Do you still need a push?' calls out the husband.

'Yes, please!' comes the reply from the dark.

'Where are you?' asks the husband.

'Over here on the swing,' replied the drunk.



OYVEY!

Mazel Tov On Simchas
This Week June 30 - July 6

Happy Birthday

Vivian Zarkowsky Frances Cohen
Joanna Alper Fran Alper

Happy Anniversary

Kurt & Sandy Kahn
Lary & Judy Baker
Loren & Ileana Abrams

Show your friends you care - SEND A TRIBUTE
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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

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.

ISRAEL CORNER

After the Six Day war, Israel abolished discriminatory laws established by Jordan to keep Christians and Jews from holy sites in the Old City of Jerusalem, and opened up access for people of all religions to visit their holy sites.

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Getting to Know You

by Roving Reporter Robin Rickerman

This week featuring *Sheryl Levine!*

Tell me a bit about your family history. All my parents and grandparents on both sides were born in St. Louis. My mother's side of the family came from Lithuania and Russia. My father's side of the family emigrated from Poland and Austria/Hungary. My grandmother, Ann Rosen, was the first Kosher caterer in St. Louis and probably catered many Nusach Hari member's Bar Mitzvot and Weddings. My maternal grandparents are healthy and living on their own at ages, 91 and 93. No one in our family has moved away from St. Louis until about 10 years ago. I am the middle child between two brothers.

What is your favorite holiday and why? My favorite holiday is Pesach. I don't mind the cleaning and changing of dishes because it makes me feel centered and rejuvenated. Everything about me feels different during Pesach. I can really get into the spirit of the holiday and feel that I personally was freed from Egypt.

What is something most people don't know about you? I worked for the MO. Department of Transportation as a field archaeologist. I have two undergraduate college degrees; one in Latin/Classical Studies and one in Physical Anthropology/Archaeology specializing in human bones, and I've been sky diving.

Would you like to talk a little about your recent surgery? If anyone would ask if I believed in miracles or the power of prayer, I would have answered, "sure I do". Now I am sold on the power of prayer and can personally attest to the true existence of miracles. I could not have made it through the experience without the love, well wishes and prayers from my Nusach Hari family. Hashem does not intend for people to survive trauma alone. The congregation was, and still is a tremendous support to myself and my family. I want to extend a huge, heartfelt amount of gratitude to the whole Nusach Hari membership, which whom are not fellow congregants, but family.

How did we become so fortunate to have you as a member of Nusach Hari? My father's side of the family have been members of Nusach Hari B'Nai Zion for 5 generations. My maternal great grandfather was also a member. I grew up here. This shul is home for me (and for Bobby too!). It is a part of who I am.

If you could travel, ANY WHERE IN THE WORLD, where would you go and what would you do? I would travel to Africa. I would stay with indigenous tribes and learn their cultures, and of course I would go on several photographic safaris. But mostly I would want to experience the landscape like a native.

Stump the Rabbi

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

Pepshort613@gmail.com

Question: When is a Jewish baby named?

Answer: A naming ceremony differs depending if the baby is a girl or a boy. The naming of a boy is incorporated into the Bris Milah (circumcision) ceremony. Someone, normally the Rabbi or Mohel, makes a special prayer and the name is announced. The name is given as the child's name(s) "the son of" the father's name(s). For example, "Moshe Chaim ben Avraham Tzvi." No last name is mentioned in the announcement.

The naming ceremony is different for a girl. A family representative, normally the father, is called up to the Torah for an aliyah. This occurs on Shabbos, Monday or Thursday - it makes no difference. However, some have the custom (or prefer) to wait until Shabbos. After the aliyah, a special Prayer is recited and the new name of the baby girl is announced, using the young girl's new Hebrew name(s), and her father's name(s). For example, "Shoshana Miriam bas Avraham Tzvi." Mazal tov!

**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!!!

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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".

MAZEL TOV to GRADUATES & their FAMILIES . . .

Thanks to **Ruth Alper, Esther Kalina, Sarah Klein, Ted & Rachael Pevnick, and Leslie & Mimi Sabol** for sponsoring dessert today!!! And more thanks to **Ruth Alper** and **Ted & Rachael Pevnick** for sponsoring the Salad Bar!!!

MAZEL TOV . . .

...To **Ruth Alper** on her grandson, **Adam Novack**, graduating from Iowa State University with a Degree in Architecture. Adam will continue his studies at Harvard University in August. Mazel Tov to parents, **Neal & Cindy Novack**.

...To **Esther Kalina** on her granddaughter, **Lauren Kalina**, graduating from George Washington University, with honors, with a Degree in Women's Humanities. **Lauren is** doing volunteer work in Tanzania this summer.

...To **Sarah Klein** on her grandson, Avi Jordan Klein, graduating from Knox College in Illinois

...To **Ted & Rachael Pevnick** on their grandson, **Andrew Sher**, graduating from the University of Missouri. Andrew will attend Cardozo Yeshiva College of Law in the fall. Mazel Tov on their grandson, **Joel Sher**, on graduating from Parkway Central High School. **Joel** will be attending the Yale University School of Engineering in the fall. Mazel Tov to parents, **Debbie & Brian Sher**.

...To **Leslie & Mimi Sabol** on their daughter, **Samantha Leah Sabol**, graduating from the American University School of Arts and Science in Washington D.C. with a Degree in Literature, and the School of Public Affairs with a Degree in Political Science



**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**