

NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

March 10, 2012

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

16 Adar, 5772

Torah Portion Ki Sisa
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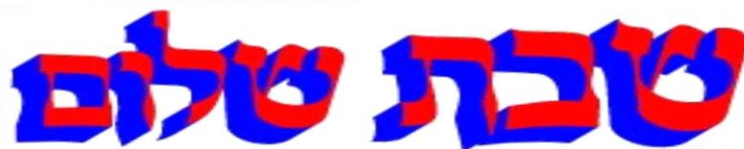
This Shabbos Bulletin is sponsored by **Don & Julie Eisenberg** in honor of all the wonderful and loving congregants who wished us Mazel Tov on the birth of our granddaughter, **Jacquelyn Ryann**. We are so appreciative!

Erev Shabbos - Friday, March 9

- **Mincha & Maariv** (5:40 pm)
- **Candle Lighting** (5:44 pm)

Shabbos - Saturday, March 10

- **Shachris & Musaf (9:00 am)** - Thank you for leading services:
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
 - Shacharis: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
 - Leyning: **Michael Shapiro**
 - Haftorah: **Michael Shapiro**
 - Sermon: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
 - 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) - Thanks to **Mark Ragin** and **Gail Rose** for sponsoring Kiddush/Lunch today in honor of the birthday of Mark's mother **Rose Ragin**; happy birthday, **Rose!!**
- **Shabbos Study Group** (4:30 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** (5:30 pm)
- **Shabbos Concludes** (6:48 pm)




This Week

Davening Times	Shabbos Mar 10	Sun. Mar 11	Mon. Mar 12	Tues. Mar 13	Wed. Mar 14	Thur. Mar 15	Fri. Mar 16	Shabbos Mar 17
Shachris	9:00 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	6:45 am	6:30 am	7:00 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv	5:30 pm	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	6:35 pm
Events	Kiddush; Shalosh Seudos	Learn; RAP; Tanya	Give to Maos Chitim	Buy Cash Cards	Lunch & Learn;	Shechita Class	Erev Shabbos	Shabbos

- **Daylight Saving Time Begins** (Sunday, 2:00 am) – after Shabbos, turn clocks forward one hour.
- **Mincha/Maariv** (6:45 pm DST this week) – we resume daily schedule of Mincha and Maariv.
- **Sunday Learning** (Sunday, March 11, 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, March 11, 10:00 am **DST**) - with **Rabbi Smason**, for young men and women; at Starbucks at Olive & Price; with complimentary drinks to all participants!
- **Irvin Alper Social Club** (Sunday, March 11, 6:00 pm **DST**) – Dinner plus Special Event: "**Howie**" performs sing-along Show Tunes and Oldies; RSVP to Ruth Alper, 314-569-2877; see picture ad for details.
- **Tanya Class** (Sunday, March 11, 8:00 pm **DST**) – at NHBZ lower level; see picture ad for details.

- **Vaad Hoeir Maos Chitim Campaign** (now through Passover) – the campaign assists people in Israel and St. Louis to properly observe Pesach; make checks payable to Vaad Hoeir Maos Chitim, and write 'NHBZ' on the notation; send checks to Vaad Hoeir or NHBZ.
- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** (Wednesday, Mar 14, 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, March 15, 6:30 pm – 7:30 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, March 15 and Thursday, March 29**; buy 'em before these dates and earn free money for NHBZ.

Coming Events

- **Special Kiddush** (Shabbos, March 17) – Following Kiddush, **Rabbi Smason** will speak about his experiences at the AIPAC Conference.
-  (Shabbos, March 24)
- **Dine-In Pizza Night** (Last Sunday, March 25, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm).
- **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group** (First Tuesday, April 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!!
- **Morris Lenga Yiddish Club** (**April meeting cancelled due to Pesach conflicts**) - Join us for a spirited hour filled with Yiddish stories, songs and laughter; "mavens" as well as novices are welcome.
- **Yom HaShoah Commemoration** (Sunday, April 22, 4:00 pm) – at Temple Israel; see picture ad.
- **Carry-Out Pizza Night** (to be determined)

Meetings

- **Board of Directors** (Tuesday, March 13, 7:15 pm, following minyan at 6:45 pm)
- **Sisterhood Spring Meeting** (Tuesday, March 20, Noon)
- **Executive Committee** (Wednesday, March 27, 7:30 pm, following minyan at 7:00 pm)



Kashrus Alert

- **The cRc Passover Guide for 2012** is now posted on the cRc website www.crcweb.org

Reminders

- **Bulletin Deadline is Noon on Wednesday!**
- **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.
- **Buy a Paver Online or by Phone** - Our website now accepts online donations for the Paver and Tree Planting Campaign; go to <http://www.nhbz.org/dedications.asp> or call the office at 314-991-2100.
- **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, 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 Ki Sisa

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Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates



In many ways Moshe Kai Cavalin is your typical UCLA student. He arrived on campus after earning an associate in arts degree at East Los Angeles College with straight-A record. And since the fall of 2010, he's been stacking up credits in the math department. But there is one unusual thing about this young man you'll be interested to know: Moshe, who was admitted at age 12 and turned 14 on Feb. 14, is one of the youngest students ever to attend UCLA. Moshe first enrolled in college at age 8 and earned his first degree at age 9.

Moshe leads a remarkably balanced life, enjoying soccer, martial arts and scuba diving. Concerning his social life, he says, "After I get my PhD I'll worry about a girlfriend and stuff." Oh, and another thing: he's already a published author. His 100-page book, "We Can Do", explains how other young people can accomplish what Moshe did through such simple acts as keeping themselves focused and not taking on any endeavor half-heartedly. The accomplished young Moshe dislikes being called a genius, and believes everyone has great potential. He says, "People need to know you don't really need to be a genius. You just have to work hard and you can accomplish anything. There are roughly 6.7 billion people in the world. Everyone is smart in his or her own way. I was able to reach the stars, but others can reach the 'Milky Way.'"

A verse from Psalms reminds us that there is no limit to our potential elevation, no end to our spiritual aspirations." I am Hashem your G-d Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it" (Psalms 81:11). Our only limitations come from within if we choose to restrict our wishes and dreams.

Parshas Ki Sisa Exodus 30:10 – 34:35



The portion begins with G-d's command to Moses to take a census by collecting an equal contribution of a half-shekel coin from every adult male between the ages of 20 and 60, with the profits going to the Mishkan (Tabernacle). G-d designates Betzalel, of the tribe of Judah, and Oholiav, of the tribe of Dan, to supervise the upcoming construction of the Mishkan. The mitzvah of Shabbat is then repeated to caution the nation that even the construction of the

Mishkan does not supersede the observance of the weekly day of rest.

The Torah returns to the narrative of the Revelation at Mt. Sinai and describes the horrible sin of the golden calf. G-d relents to Moses' prayer that the Children of Israel should be spared from annihilation for this great transgression, and Moses descends from the mountain with the two tablets of the Ten Commandments in hand. Upon witnessing a segment of the population dancing around the golden calf, Moses smashes the tablets and burns the idol, initiating the process of repentance. Moses again ascends the mountain to pray to G-d that the Jewish people should be forgiven and regain their status as the chosen people. Moses eventually returns with the second set of tablets and a renewed covenant with G-d, his face radiant as a result of the Divine experience.

Rabbinic Ruminations



A 2009 article in *The Journal of Experimental Social Psychology* described a case of an accounting firm that had an excellent relationship with a client company. The accounting firm, which received tens of millions of dollars in fees from the client, approved the company's high-quality and ethical financial statements. For three years, everything was fine. But suddenly, in the fourth year, the company stretched and even broke the limits of the law.

A similar case described the same accounting firm, same client. This time, after the first good year, the client slowly pushed the ethical envelope over the next three years. It was found that the accounting firm was more likely to approve the financial statements in the second case than in the first. Why? Professor Francesca Gino, professor at Harvard Business School and co-author of the article, explained, "Unethical acts can become an integral part of the day-to-day activities to such an extent that individuals may be unable to see the inappropriateness of their behaviors."

The concept of the "Boiling Frog Syndrome" is based upon the premise that if a frog is placed in boiling water, it will frantically try to clamber out. But when placed in a pot of tepid water with the heat on low, the frog will float placidly. As the water gradually heats up, the frog will sink into a tranquil stupor, ultimately allowing itself to be boiled to death with no resistance.

This famous metaphor speaks to the dangers of moral and ethical complacency. The Torah warns us, "Only take heed, and guard your life diligently, lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen (on Mt. Sinai) and lest they depart from your [mind and] heart all the days of your life" (Deuteronomy 4:9). Be aware of moral complacency before spiritual decay sets in. Otherwise, we run the risk of becoming a boiled frog.

Quote of the Week

"Your letter of excuses has arrived. I receive the letter but do not admit the excuses except in courtesy, as when a man treads on your toes and begs your pardon - the pardon is granted, but the joint aches, especially if there is a corn upon it". -- Lord Byron

Joke of the Week

A rabbi, priest and minister all served as chaplains to the students of the University of Montana. They would get together once a week for coffee and to talk shop.

One day, someone made the comment that preaching to people isn't really all that hard -- a real challenge would be to preach to a bear. One thing led to another, and an experiment was agreed upon: they would all go out into the woods, find a bear, preach to it, and attempt to convert it. Seven days later, they all came to discuss their experience.

The priest and minister had various wounds and scratches from bears that clearly did not take well to the thought of being converted. However, they were shocked to look down at the rabbi, who was lying in a hospital bed. He was in a body cast and traction with IVs and monitors running in and out of him. He was in really bad shape. The rabbi looked up at his fellow chaplains and said:

"Looking back on it
circumcision may not have been the best way to start!"

(thanks to Dr. Jay Pepose)



OY VEY!

SCROLL OF HONOR

Don't be left out . . .

See Your Name in Lights

Our new shul is up and running; the Stained Glass Windows have now been installed. Soon we will install recognition boards with the names of all those who have contributed to the Capital Campaign. We will install a beautiful **Wall of Honor** and a **Scroll of Honor** in the lobby to recognize various levels of giving, and are now in the process of compiling the lists of names.

Before these honor rolls are completed, we want to give everybody a *final opportunity* to have his or her name permanently inscribed for all to see. If you have already contributed, please consider increasing your pledge. If you have not as yet contributed, please join us in being a true partner in building the shul.

We will soon complete the design of the Wall of Honor and Scroll of Honor. To be included, please make your pledge *no later than Friday, March 30, 2012*.

Please call **Menachem Szus**, Capital Campaign Chairman, to discuss any contribution or dedication that you would like to make. During work hours, call 314-428-2208; at other times call 314-629-8741.

Mazel Tov On Simchas
This Week Mar 10 - Mar 16

Happy Birthday

Ephraim Mufson
Rebecca Lyss
Danielle Eisenberg

Helen Bolt
Jack Lyss
Alex Lyss

Happy Anniversary
Rabbi Ze'ev & Chani Smason

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

Monument Dedication for
Golda Gutman

Sunday March 11, 12:30 p.m.
Beth Hamedrash Hagodol Cemetery
Ladue Road

Stump the Rabbi

Ask Rabbi Smason questions about Judaism. Any question is fair game! You can ask your questions in person, or by email at: Pepshort613@gmail.com

Question: What is the origin of the custom that the ten fingers of both hands should be touching the bread or challah when we make the blessing of 'haMotzie',?

Answer:

- 1) The ten fingers correspond to the ten Hebrew words of the verse (Psalm 104:14), "He causes grass to sprout for the animals and vegetation for the work of man, to bring forth bread from the earth." ("....l'hotzei lechem min ha'aretz")
- 2) The ten fingers correspond to the ten mitzvos involved in the process of making bread:
 1. Don't plow with a donkey and ox together
 2. Don't plant mixed species too closely together
 3. Leave loose gleanings for the poor
 4. Leave forgotten gleanings for the poor
 3. Leave a corner of the field for the poor
 6. Don't muzzle an ox when it threshes
 7. *Terumah* (tithe for a Kohen)
 8. *Ma'aser Rishon* (tithe for a Levi),
 9. *Ma'aser Shenii* (tithe to be eaten in Jerusalem)
 10. *Challah* (tithe of dough)

Sima Moria invites everyone to a L'Chaim in honor of the engagement of her daughter, **Mazi**, to **Elisha Keren**, motzai Shabbos, tonight, March 10th, 8:00-10:30 pm, at the home of **Craig & Jackie Berkin**.

ISRAEL CORNER

In 1996, the Israeli company Mirabilis created the technology for AOL's instant messenger which revolutionized Internet communication.

NHBZ Business News Please send your dues payments **as soon as possible**. If you wish to pay by credit card, please call Sandie, 314-991-2100, ext. 2. **Members who pay full dues and send payments early will receive a 5% discount!**

Getting to Know You

by Roving Reporter Robin Rickerman

This week featuring **Michael Shapiro**.

Tell me a bit about your family history.



I moved here from New York as a young child with my family. I spent time in Israel, then college, then came back to St. Louis with my lovely wife Rachel and my family. I am the proud abba of two daughters - 17 year-old Aniel and 15 year-old Tali, and a 10 year-old son, Eitan.

What is your favorite holiday and why?

PURIM...I was born on Purim...my birthday. I enjoy the festivities, all the fun and games and great food!

What is something about you that most people don't know?

I am an avid science fiction reader

How did we become so fortunate to have you as a member of Nusach Hari?

Eight years ago I became the Torah reader at NHBZ. Eitan loves it so much that he walks with me a mile and a half to and from Shul for services. We never miss Pizza Night - it is Eitan's favorite.

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

Coincidentally enough, Australia. Fortunately for us, I was offered a position there. In May we are moving there for a few years. We are very excited!

I want to thank everyone who expressed condolences and made contributions in the name of my father – H. H. Bremler.

~ Irvin Bremler

Irvin Alper Social Club

Sunday March 11

6:00 pm - Dinner

6:35 pm - Davening

7:00 pm - Special Entertainment Event:

"Howie" performs Show Tunes and Oldies
Social Hour to follow

All for \$7.00

RSVP to Ruth Alper 314-569-2877

Next Week is Shabbos Parah

Sabbath of the Red Heifer – March 17

Shabbat Parah occurs on the Shabbos following Purim, and marks the beginning of formal preparations for Passover. The special Torah reading, Numbers 19:1-22, discusses a ritual of purification involving a red heifer (in Hebrew, parah adumah). Specifically, the ritual purifies people from the ritual impurity that comes from contact with the dead. At the end of the ritual, the people are purified, but the person who performed the ritual becomes temporarily impure. The rabbis speak of the ritual of Parah Adumah as the greatest of mysteries: it makes the impure pure, and makes the pure impure. The passage is chosen for this time because of the need to purify oneself for Pesach, in preparation for pilgrimage to Jerusalem and the Temple. The corresponding haftorah portion is Ezekiel 36:16-38, which also talks about purification.



shabbat

Saturday Morning March 24

8:30 am - Regular Services

10:15 am - Learners Service led by Rabbi Smason

11:00 am - Break-out sessions

- Why is Conversion to Judaism So Hard?
Rabbi Ze'ev Smason
- Washington, Tel Aviv, and Tehran: Triangular links to a Global Tragedy?
Dr. Timothy Lomperis, Professor of Political Science Saint Louis University
- Classical Insights into Passover
St. Louis Kollel Rabbi Eli Shapiro
- Youth Programming for kids 4 and over
Abi Epstein
- Tot Shabbat - Whitney Gartenberg

12:00 Noon - Kiddush Lunch

Minyan Men

Daylight Saving Time and daily Mincha/Ma'ariv resume this week with evening davening time 6:45 pm

Mayer Taller: 997-0927 Howard Sandler: 409-7266
Rabbi Smason: 749-5271 NHBZ Office: 991-2100

Tanya Class at NHBZ

led by Rabbi Shaya Mintz, St. Louis Kollel

Tanya is a major work of Chassidus that explores mystical psychology and theology, and serves as a guide to daily spiritual and ethical life in Jewish observance. Men and women are welcome.

Classes are held on Sundays at 8:00 pm. Contact Bob Kaiser at rkaiser@armstrongteasdale.com.

We would like to thank Francine Attoun and her dear friend who wants to remain anonymous, for the beautiful flower arrangements on the bima.

Thanks to Chairperson **Mindy Woolf** and all those who planned and carried out the

Purim Palooza

Sandie Abrams; Fran, Caryn & Joanna Alper; Lila Balla; Aaron Goldberg; Alan & Janet Haber; Bob Kaiser; Bobby, Sheryl & Nina Levine; Emma & Michelle Mufson; Norma Rubin; Phyllis Silverman; Gary & Trudy Sudin; Vivian Zarkowsky; Judy Ziegelman

Thanks to Aaron Goldberg for the photos:

