

NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

March 17, 2012

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

23 Adar, 5772

Torah Portion Vayakhel-Pekudei
Maftir Parah
Haftorah Parah

Exodus 35:1 – 40:38
Numbers 19:1-22
Ezekiel 36:16 – 36:36

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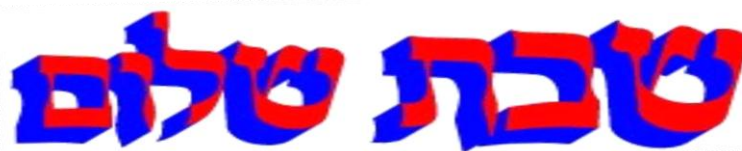
Thanks to **Ted & Rachael Pevnick** for sponsoring this Shabbos Bulletin and the soda for Kiddush today to say thank you to everyone for all your calls, good wishes and tribute cards in honor of **Rachael's** Refuah Shlema.

Erev Shabbos - Friday, March 16

- **Mincha & Maariv** (6:45 pm)
- **Candle Lighting** (6:51 pm)

Shabbos Parah - Saturday, March 17

- **Shachris & Musaf (9:00 am)** - Thank you for leading services:
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
 - Shacharis: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
 - Leyning: **Michael Shapiro**
 - Haftorah: **Alan Zarkowsky**
 - 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.
- **Special Kiddush** (following Musaf) – **Please be seated as quickly as possible so Rabbi Smason can make Kiddush**; **Rabbi Smason** will then speak about his experiences at the AIPAC Conference.
- **Thank You** - thanks to **Szyfra Braitberg's** Yiddish Club pals for sponsoring a special cake in honor of her birthday; and thanks to **Vivian Zarkowsky** for sponsoring snacks and fresh fruit platters in honor of her husband **Alan** chanting the Haftorah.
- **Shabbos Study Group** (5:35 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** (6:35 pm)
- **Shabbos Concludes** (7:55 pm)



This Week

Davening Times	Shabbos Mar 17	Sun. Mar 18	Mon. Mar 19	Tues. Mar 20	Wed. Mar 21	Thur. Mar 22	Fri. Mar 23	Shabbos Mar 24
Shachris	9:00 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	8:30 am
Mincha/Maariv	6:35 pm	6:55 pm	6:55 pm	6:55 pm	6:55 pm	6:55 pm	6:55 pm	6:40 pm
Events	Tanach; Shalosh Seudos	Learn; RAP; Tanya	Give to Maos Chitim	Buy Cash Cards	Lunch & Learn;	Shechita Class	Erev Shabbos	Shabbos

- **Daily Mincha and Maariv** - 6:55 pm Daylight Saving Time, Sunday through Friday.
- **Sunday Learning** (Sunday, March 18, 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 18, 10:00 am) - with **Rabbi Smason**, for young men and women; at Starbucks at Olive & Price; with complimentary drinks to all participants!
- **Tanya Class** (Sunday, March 18, 8:00 pm) – at NHBZ lower level; see picture ad for details.

- **Vaad Hoer Maos Chitim Campaign** (now through Passover) – the campaign assists people in Israel and St. Louis to properly observe Pesach; make checks payable to Vaad Hoer Maos Chitim, and write 'NHBZ' on the notation; send checks to Vaad Hoer or NHBZ.
- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** (Wednesday, Mar 21, 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 22, 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, March 15 and Thursday, March 29**; buy 'em before these dates and earn free money for NHBZ.

Coming Events

-  (Shabbos, March 24) – see picture ad.
- **Dine-In Pizza Night** (Last Sunday, March 25, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm) – last chance before Passover!
- **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group** (*April meeting cancelled due to Pesach*) - 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 in May!!
- **Morris Lenga Yiddish Club** (*April meeting cancelled due to Pesach*) - Join us for a spirited hour filled with Yiddish stories, songs and laughter; "mavens" as well as novices are welcome.
- **Pancake Breakfast** (Sunday, May 6, 10:00 am)
- **Irvin Alper Social Club** (Sunday, May 6, 5:00 pm – *no meeting in April due to Pesach*)
- **Semi-Annual Membership Meeting** (Tuesday, May 8, 7:30 pm)
- **Yom HaShoah Commemoration** (Sunday, April 22, 4:00 pm) – at Temple Israel; see picture ad.

Meetings

- **Sisterhood Spring Meeting** (Tuesday, March 20, Noon)
- **Executive Committee** (Tuesday, March 27, 7:30 pm, following minyan at 7:00 pm)
- **Board of Directors** (Tuesday, April 10, 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
- **The OV Passover Guide for 2012** is now posted on the OV website: www.ovkosher.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.
- **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 vayakhel-Pekudei

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Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates

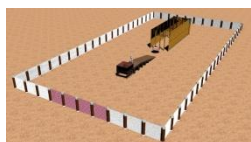


On February 6th, Dana Jackson celebrated a century of life at an adult day care center in Kentucky. An ice cream cake in her honor was frosted with the special message, "Congratulations, you are never too old." But this wasn't your average birthday party, not even for a centenarian: Jackson decided to mark the momentous occasion by marrying boyfriend Bill Strauss, 87. The spry groom said of his bride, "I found one that's just as nice as can be. Treats me good. Like a human being should be treated. It's rare to find a girl like that."

The 100-year-old bride wore a traditional white gown. Although she had been married three times before - she was 15 when she married her first husband - it was the first time she had a formal wedding. "I feel 50," Dana said, "I don't feel 100." She marveled at how much has changed since then: "Gettin' married wasn't a big thing back when I was young. It wasn't no big thing ... it was just simple, you know? Just simple ... we wore clothes and maybe a bouquet cut out of the yard. **It's not what you got, it's what you make out of a marriage,**" she said.

To the wise person life is a banquet. Every day we have many opportunities to taste the fascinating wonders of the world. The quality of our life depends upon the choices we make. Like Dana Jackson's perspective on marriage, life itself is what we make it - as G-d Himself says, "... Choose life, that you and your offspring may live." (Deut. 30:19)

Parshas Vayakhel-Pekudei Exodus 35:1 - 40:38



This week we read the final portion of Exodus, a book which began with the Jewish people enslaved to Pharaoh in Egypt and now ends with the completion of the construction of the *Mishkan* (Tabernacle) in the desert. Exodus is known as 'the Book of Redemption'; redemption was achieved not only through our escape from slavery, but also through receiving the Torah on Mt. Sinai which gave purpose to that freedom. The climax of that salvation was when G-d rested His presence amongst the Jewish nation when the *Mishkan* was completed.

Parshas Vayakhel (Exodus 35:1 - 38:20) begins with Moses assembling the entire nation of Israel to transmit the details of the construction and fabrication of the *Mishkan* as described in the three previous Torah portions. However, Moses first cautions them about the fundamental mitzvah to observe Shabbat. The nation is reminded that although the construction of the *Mishkan* is of transcendent importance, it does not take precedence over the weekly observance of Shabbat. The portion describes that the Jewish people came forward with their generous contributions for the *Mishkan's* construction, producing a surplus of supplies. The craftsmen are selected and the building begins.

Parshas Pekudei (Exodus 38:21 - 40:38) begins with a complete accounting of the gold, silver and copper contributed by the people for use in the *Mishkan*. Following Moses' inspection and approval of the many utensils and unassembled parts, Moses sets up the *Mishkan* on Rosh Chodesh Nissan as each part is anointed and arranged in its proper location. And as G-d promised, His glory fills the *Mishkan*.

Rabbinic Ruminations



Accomplished writers, artists and scientists often have great difficulty explaining **how** they create and solve problems. What is true of creative and incisive minds is also true in everyday life. Researchers in the late 1970s set themselves up in a mall pretending to carry out a consumer survey on nylon stockings. Passersby were asked to evaluate what they were told were four different pairs of stockings. In fact, all four items were identical. Quite by accident they discovered a positional effect for the identical goods: people seemed to prefer the item that was on the far right. The right-most pair, although identical to the left-most, was preferred by a factor of four to one.

When asked why they had chosen a particular item, no one mentioned its position. Even when experimenters suggested to people that the position might have an effect, most participants looked at best very confused and at worst utterly dismissive. It turned out that most people didn't have a clue why they preferred one identical pair of stockings over another.

Success in life begins with knowing ourselves. In Proverbs 22:6, King Solomon exhorts: "Instruct a child

according to his way; also when he is old he will not depart from it." Every child has his "way" - his natural predilections and particular strengths and weaknesses. There could be no greater tragedy than attempting to raise every child in the same mold and image - in a vain attempt to mass produce children who all look and behave alike. One of the great gifts we can share with our children is the gift of self-knowledge.

Quote of the Week

"Do the right thing. It will gratify some people and astonish the rest." - Mark Twain

Joke of the Week

A middle-aged woman found herself sitting next to a man wearing a kippa ("yarmulka" in Yiddish). She called the attendant to complain about her seating. "You've sat me next to a Jew!! I can't possibly sit next to this strange man. Please find me another seat!" "Madam, I will see what I can do," the attendant

replied, "but the flight is almost full and I don't know if there is another seat available."

The attendant soon returned and said, "Madam, we're full except for one seat in First Class. It is only for exceptional circumstances that we make this kind of upgrade, and I had to ask permission from the Captain. But, given the situation he felt that no one should be forced to sit next to an unpleasant person." The flight attendant turned to the Jewish man sitting next to her, and said: "So if you'd like to get your things, Sir, I have a comfortable seat for you in First Class..." At that point, the surrounding passengers stood up and applauded while the Jewish man walked to the front of the plane.

The lady then said indignantly, "The Captain must have made a mistake." To which the attendant replied "No Ma'am. Captain Cohen never makes a mistake."



SCROLL OF HONOR

Don't be left out . . .

Get Recognized !

Our new shul is up and running; the Stained Glass Windows have 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 17 - Mar 23

Happy Birthday

Marvin Stein
Rosalie Yakovitz
Alan Zarkowsky
Marian Walters

Estelle Levin
Harold Berman
Jerome Cohen
Mike Hirsch

Happy Anniversary
Menachem & Linda Szus

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

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!**

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: Why are there different forms of *Kaddish*?

Answer: No prayer in all of Jewish liturgy arouses greater emotion than *Kaddish*. However, there are five different forms of *Kaddish*. Four of them are regularly recited in shul and the fifth is reserved for special occasions.

Half Kaddish (or “Chatzi Kaddish” in Hebrew) is the simplest form of the prayer. This version is recited as a separation between sections of a prayer unit. For example, Half Kaddish is recited between Yishtabach and Barchu, indicating the completion of the Pesukei D’Zimra and the beginning of Shacharis proper.

Whole Kaddish (or “Kaddish Shalem”) is said upon the conclusion of the main section a prayer unit, typically the one that includes Shemoneh Esrei. This form of Kaddish is the only one that includes the phrase “tiskabeil tzlos’hon” – “accept the prayer .. of the entire Jewish people.”

Mourner’s Kaddish (“Kaddish Yasom”) is essentially the same as Whole Kaddish, excluding the phrase “tiskabeil...”. This Kaddish is recited in the eleven months following the passing of a parent or other relative, as well as on the anniversary of their passing.

Rabbis’ Kaddish (“Kaddish D’Rabbanan”) is recited after a public lecture in the Oral Torah.

Siyum and Burial Kaddish is recited on two special occasions: when making a siyum upon the completion of a tractate of Talmud or an order of Mishna, and at a funeral.

Minyan Men

***Daily Mincha and Ma’ariv
continue this week with
evening davening time 6:55 pm***

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

Getting to Know You

by Roving Reporter Robin Rickerman

This week featuring *Jerry Cohen*.

Tell me a bit about your family history.



My father was born in Russia in 1900 and my mother was born in Poland in 1901. They came to St. Louis, and I was born in 1928, I had a sister who is deceased Marion Ruth Abitz; her husband was Irv Abitz, who was a past President of NHBZ. I met my wife when she was 16 and I

was 19. We began dating in college. In 1955 I bought a Pharmacy in Ferguson and sold it in 1995. I still hold an active pharmacy license.

What is your favorite holiday and why?

Holiday or not, I LOVE SHABBOS!!!! It is my weekly holiday.

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

I give the impression of being TUFF, but I really do have a soft heart! I have played a lot of sports to keep fit, and I still do the treadmill daily.

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

First my grandparents were active members, then my parents. If it was good enough for them, it is great for me! I love everyone at Nusach Hari Bnai Zion.

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

I would love to go back to Israel again, to see the land and our people.

Tanya Class at NHBZ

led by Rabbi Shaya Mintz, St. Louis Kollel

Tanya is a major work of Chassidus that explores mystical theology, and serves as a guide to daily Jewish observance. Men and women are welcome. Classes are held on Sundays at 8:00 pm. Contact Bob Kaiser at rkaiser@armstrongteasdale.com .

From *Sima Moria* . . .

My sincere thanks to my NHBZ friends for their condolences and sympathy in memory of my dear mother ***Naima Akiva***. Your kindness and support made this difficult time so much easier for me.

This Week is Shabbos Parah

Sabbath of the Red Heifer – March 17

Shabbat Parah occurs on the Shabbos before Shabbos HaChodesh, one or two weeks after 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 haftarah portion is Ezekiel 36:16-38, which also talks about purification.

Next Week is Shabbos HaChodesh

Sabbath of the "Month" – March 24

Shabbos HaChodesh is the Shabbos that occurs on or before the first day of the month of Nisan during which Passover is observed. We read an extra Torah portion, Exodus 12:1-20, which talks about preparations for Passover, which begins on Nissan 15. With one simple line, it establishes the Hebrew calendar: "This month shall be for you the beginning of the months, it shall be for you the first of the months of the year." In the Hebrew calendar, months are counted from Nisan in the spring, but years are counted from the month of Tishri in the fall. The corresponding haftarah portion is Ezekiel 45:16-46:18, which also talks about the first months and the offerings at that time.

Andy & Betty Epstein

invite everyone to a L'Chaim tonight at *NHBZ*, Motzai Shabbos, March 17, from 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm in honor of the engagement of their son, **Aryeh**, to **Hadas Modde** of Omaha, Nebraska.



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
Rabbi Eli Shapiro, St. Louis Kollel
- Youth Programming for kids 4 and over
Abi Epstein
- Tot Shabbat
Whitney Gartenberg

12:00 Noon - Kiddush Lunch

ISRAEL CORNER

Did you know that in the recent flare up of tensions in Gaza, where Palestinian terrorists fired over 200 missiles and rockets at southern Israel, the recently deployed and still infant Iron Dome Missile Defense System intercepted 75% of all missiles and rockets aimed at cities and population centers.

Reminder . . .

Our beautiful new shul is our home for prayer, learning and socializing. Please remember to take care of it as if it is your own home. If a drink is spilled or if you see some food on the carpet, please notify William or clean it up before somebody slips or grinds it into the carpet. Smudged fingerprints or dirt on the walls, windows or furniture are unsightly. If we each take responsibility for the appearance of our building, we will continue to be proud of our beautiful shul.

