



NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

March 19, 2011

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Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

Torah Portion Tzav:
Shabbos Zachor Maftir:
Haftorah Zachor

Leviticus 6:1 - 8:36
Devarim 25:17 - 25:19
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Today's bulletin is sponsored by **Leo Bressler** in honor of the wedding anniversary of **Linda & Menachem Szus**, and by the **Kaiser Family**, who wishes everybody a Happy Purim while they are in Israel, and by **Marvin Stein** to thank all those who dedicated a brick for the new building in honor of his birthday!

Today

- **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**
- **Shabbos Zachor** (Shabbos of Remembrance) - We read a special maftir today, preceding Purim; Deuteronomy 25:17-19 describes the attack by Amalek. There is a tradition from the Talmud that Haman, the antagonist of the Purim story, was descended from Amalek. The portion includes a commandment to remember the attack by Amalek, and therefore we make a special effort to hear the reading in order to fulfill the mitzvah.
- **Learners Service** (10:30 am) - Led by **Rabbi Chanan Swidler** in the Chapel.
- **Jr. Congregations** (10:30 am) - Girls Jr. Congregation and younger children meet in Children's Room with **Nina Levine**; Boys Jr. Congregation will meet in the Auditorium with **Avrumi Smason**.
- **Kiddush** (following Musaf) - **Vivian Zarkowsky** and **Marian Walters** are sponsoring a "special treat" in honor of husband and son-in-law **Alan's** birthday.
- **Shabbos Study Group** (5:50 pm) - Studies in Tanach, led by **Menachem Szus**; everyone at any level of learning is welcome; now studying **Yeshayahu** (Isaiah).
- **Boys' Mishna Study Group** (6:05 pm) - With **Rabbi Smason**, for boys ages 10-17.
- **Mincha / Shalosh Seudos** (6:35 pm) - Shalosh Seduos will be sponsored by **Sid & Phyllis Silverman** in memory of beloved father, **Dave Weiner**.
- **Shabbos concludes** (7:57 pm)

Tonight

- **Maariv** (8:20 pm)
- **First Megillah Reading** (8:30 pm)

This Week



Davening Times	Shabbos* Mar. 19	Sun.** Mar. 20	Mon. Mar. 21	Tues. Mar. 22	Wed. Mar. 23	Thur. Mar. 24	Fri. Mar. 25	Shabbos* Mar. 26
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	6:35 pm	5:15 pm	6:55 pm	6:55 pm	6:55 pm	6:55 pm	6:55 pm	6:40 pm

* Mincha 6:35, Maariv 8:20, Megillah Reading 8:30

** Mincha 5:15 pm, Seudah 5:30, Maariv 7:15

- **Sunday Learning & RAP with the RABBI Teen Group** - taking a Purim break.
- **Second Megillah Reading** (8:30 am) - following Schachris; see picture ad.
- **Purim Seudah** (tomorrow, Sunday Mar 13, 5:30 pm); see picture ad.

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- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** (Wednesday, March 23, 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.
- **Carry-Out Pizza Night** - There will be no carry-out Pizza Night in April; next is May 11.
- **Buy and Use Your Pre-Paid Cash Cards** (Next Order Days are Mar 31 and Apr 13) - Earn free money for NHBZ. Order your cards this week! You pay with Cash Cards just like cash in hand
- **Buy Raffle Tickets to Support Passport to Israel** - Sponsored by Irvin Alper Social Club; win a Pesach dinner for six from Kohn's! \$1 per ticket; if you didn't receive tickets in the mail, contact Ruth Alper for tickets; the winning ticket will be drawn at Pizza Night on March 27 !

Coming Events

- **Epstein Hebrew Academy 68th Annual Scholarship Banquet** (Wed. Mar. 23, 6:30 pm) - Honoring past and current presidents; for information or reservations, call 994-7856.
- **Shabbos Parah** (Shabbos of the Red Heifer, Saturday, March 26) - occurs on the Shabbos following Purim, and marks the beginning of formal preparations for Passover; the special Torah reading, Numbers 19:1-22, discusses the ritual of purification involving a red heifer (parah adumah).. The passage is chosen for this time because of the need to purify oneself for Pesach, in preparation for the pilgrimage to Jerusalem and the Temple; the corresponding haftarah portion is Ezekiel 36:16-38, which also talks about purification.
- **Dine-In Pizza Night** (Sunday, Mar 27, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm)
- **Irvin Alper Social Club** (Sun. Mar 27, 6:00 pm, at Pizza Night) - winning ticket for Passport-to-Israel Raffle will be drawn; win Pesach dinner for 6 from Kohn's! There will be no meeting in April.
- **Restaurant Night Out** (Sunday, April 3)
- **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group** (First Tuesday, April 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, April 7, 7:00 pm) - Join us for a spirited hour filled with Yiddish stories, songs and laughter; seasoned "mavens" as well as novices are welcome.
- **Pizza Schedule for April** - There will be no carry-out Pizza Night in April; the last Sunday of the month is during Pesach, so Dine-in Pizza Night will be moved to Sunday, April 17, before Pesach.
- **Carry-Out Pizza Night** (Wednesday, May 11)
- **NHBZ Sisterhood** - no events in April.

Kashrus Alerts

- **Tootsie Rolls** - and numerous other Tootsie Roll products are newly certified as OU-D !! Go to oukoshher.org to view the complete list !!
- **All Fine Foods Bulgarian Sheep's Cheese in Brine** (I'm not making this up) - bears an unauthorized OU, and is not Kosher !!
- **Safcol Premium Atlantic Salmon Snack Pack** - bears an unauthorized OU, and is not Kosher.



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Meetings

- **Executive Committee** - Tuesday, Mar 29; Minyan at 6:55 pm; meeting at 7:35 pm.
- **Board of Directors** - Tuesday, April 12; Minyan at 7:00 pm; meeting at 7:35 pm.



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.
- **Synagogue Honors** - It is customary to make a donation to the synagogue for an Aliyah or other synagogue honors received.
- **Norma's Bakery** is on vacation until after Passover.



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 Tzav / Purim

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Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates

Think before you tweet.



Twitter is a powerful communication tool used by the likes of protesters, journalists, public officials -- and even rabbis. But tweeters should take caution. In a now Web-infamous incident, a Tweeter shared the following message with the world:

"Cisco just offered me a job! Now I have to weigh the utility of a fatty paycheck against the daily commute to San Jose and hating the work." It wasn't long before a manager for Cisco shared this open response: *"Who is the hiring manager. I'm sure they would love to know that you will hate the work. We here at Cisco are versed in the web."*

In another incident, Israel Hyman and his wife went on Twitter to share real-time details of a trip from their Arizona home. Their posts said they were "preparing to head out of town," that they had "another 10 hours of driving ahead," and that they "made it to Kansas City." While they were on the road, their home was burglarized. Oy, Izzy!

The book of Proverbs (13:3) teaches: *He who guards his mouth controls himself. But he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.* Think before you speak -- and think before you tweet.

Parshas Tzav: Leviticus 6:1 - 8:36 / Purim



The portion begins with G-d continuing to teach Moses many of the laws relating to the *Mishkan* service. However, while last week's portion described the *korbanos* (offerings) from the perspective of the giver, this week the Torah focuses more directly on the Kohanim, providing details about their service. After first describing the maintenance of the fire which burned on the altar, the Torah discusses the various kinds of *korbanos* which Aaron, his sons, and the succeeding generations of Kohanim would be offering. The offerings must be brought with the proper intentions and eaten in a state of spiritual purity. Finally, Moses performs the lengthy consecration service of the *Mishkan*, and Moses anoints Aaron and his sons for

their service in the *Mishkan*, in front of the entire congregation of Israel.



This coming Saturday night/Sunday is the holiday of Purim. Purim is arguably the most joyous holiday on the Jewish calendar. If you would have only two days a year to attend synagogue, Purim and Simchas Torah should be your choices. Purim is celebrated with the 'Four M's' -- in the following 4 ways:

- 1) **Megilla:** On Purim we read the Book of Esther, which recalls the attempt of evil Haman (boo!) to wipe out the Jews of Persia
- 2) **Mishloach Manos:** We send gifts of food to friends and relatives - at least two ready-to-eat food items in each package, delivered by a proxy. The joy of the day increases as we send and receive
- 3) **Matanos L'Evyonim:** We don't forget those with less - at least 2 gifts of money and/or food to the poor on Purim day
- 4) **Mishteh:** The merry, merry meal on Purim dayan easy mitzva to fulfill

Purim represents the height of joy -- so enjoy!

Rabbinical Ruminations

Amazing stories of survival have emerged in Japan, even amid the horrific destruction of the massive quake and subsequent tsunami that killed thousands, destroyed tens of thousands of homes and stoked fears of a potential nuclear power plant meltdown.



One such story is that of a 60-year-old Japanese man who was rescued Sunday more than nine miles out at sea after clinging to a swept-away remnant of his roof for more than two days.

"I thought today was the last day of my life," Hiromitsu Shinkawa told his rescuers. "I was saved by holding onto the roof, but my wife was swept away," Hiromitsu said. Video showed him barely visible amid heaps of splintered wood, shattered homes and other debris floating more than nine miles at sea. He could be seen waving a self-made red flag.

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In the wake of natural disasters there is always heartache, devastation and death. However, there is also hope. One powerful source of hope is faith in G-d. A person who views the world as being controlled by blind fate, by chance or by the arbitrary will of human beings has no reason to hope that ultimately there will be an end to troubles. With faith, however, we can hope for good in belief that there is Someone Who controls the world and that events have meaning and purpose -- even when the understanding of difficulties and tragedies are hidden from us.

Quote of the Week

"If you pay peanuts, you get monkeys" -
James Goldsmith (French Businessman,
Publisher and Politician, b. 1933)



Joke of the Week

Three sons, successful in their professional lives, were discussing the gifts they had been able to give their elderly mother. David said, "I built a big house for Mom."

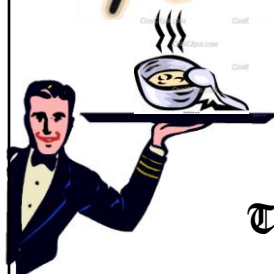


Norman said, "I sent her a Lexus -- with a driver."

Alan said, "You remember how Mom enjoys studying Torah? Because she can no longer see very well, I sent her a remarkable parrot that recites the entire Torah. All Mom has to do is name the chapter and verse."

Soon afterward, a letter of thanks came from their mother. "David, the house you built is so huge. I live in just one room, but I have to clean the whole house. Norman, I'm too old to travel. I stay at home most of the time, so I rarely use the Lexus, and that driver makes me uncomfortable. But Alan -- the chicken you sent me was delicious!"

Restaurant Night Out



Sunday, April 3, 2011

Cocktails ~ Cash Bar open at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner Served at 6:30 p.m.

Three Course Dinner with a German Influence

Featuring

Hearty Butternut Squash Soup

Chicken Kouladen

(stuffed boneless, skinless chicken breast, rolled with a filling of mushrooms and spinach, with a Dijon Mustard Sauce)

Spaetzle *(German noodle dumplings)*

Sweet & Sour Red Cabbage

Warm Apple Tart

(served with a cold dollop of Pareve Whipped Cream)

Coffee and Tea

Reservations are required! \$25.00 per person
RSVP: 314-991-2100, ext. 2 by Monday, March 28th
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Mazel Tov
On Simchas this week!
March 19 - March 25, 2011

Happy Birthday

Harold Berman Mike Hirsch
Jerome E. Cohen Marian Walters
Linda Fleshman Alan Zarkowsky

Happy Anniversary

Menachem & Linda Szus
Ron & Ina Makovsky

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

PURIM IS TONIGHT AND TOMORROW !!

- **Hasta LaPasta Purim Palooza** - Buy special "pasta groggers" for \$4 each. Use the boxes as groggers during Megillah reading, after which they will be donated to the Jewish Food Pantry; proceeds will benefit NHBZ Chesed Fund and Rabbi's Charity Fund. Buy them in shul when you arrive for Megillah reading **Tonight**.

- **The schedule for Megillah reading is**
(it is a Mitzvah to hear the Megillah read twice):

Tonight, March 19

6:35 pm - Mincha & Shalosh Seudos
7:57 pm - Shabbos concludes
8:20 pm - Maariv
8:30 pm - Megillah Reading

Tomorrow morning, March 20

8:00 am - Shachris
8:30 am - Megillah reading

- **Purim Seudah - Tomorrow night, March 20**

5:15 pm - Mincha
5:30 pm - Seudah

Join us for dinner, Hi-Jinks, and FUN for kids, grown-ups, and the young-at-heart!!! PLUS Mike the Balloon Man, and Hamantashen compliments of our NHBZ Sisterhood!!!

7:15 pm - Ma'ariv



PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA
at NHBZ!!!

Lion's Den DINE-IN Pizza Night
SUNDAY, MARCH 27 !!
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 4-12: \$6.00 Adults: \$10.00

NO CARRY-OUT NIGHT IN APRIL

PRE-PESACH DINE-IN NIGHT - SUN. APRIL 17

Did you know...
that NHBZ provides babysitting every
single Shabbos starting at 10:30 am?
We do. Pass the word.

Build a Shul !

NHBZ has new opportunities for you to make a named dedication in the new building. You can dedicate a brick or a planting. These are affordable dedications that give everyone a way to participate in the mitzvah of building a Shul and at the same time make a lasting contribution in memory or honor of someone close to you. Bricks will be placed in a prominent location near the front of the building. Plantings will be along the north border of the property, and each planting will also be identified by an 8" x 8" brick.

4" x 8" brick with 3-line inscription	\$220
8" x 8" brick with 6-line inscription	\$440
Planting and 8" x 8" brick with 6-line inscription	\$950

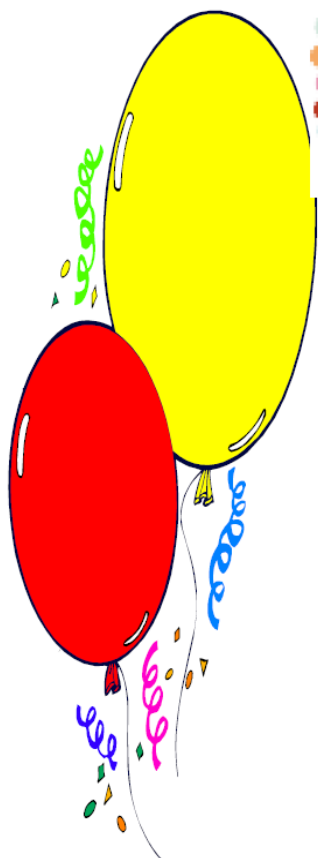
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Remember that everyday purchases, big or small, earn money for NHBZ. Just do it!

Nusach Hari B'nai Zion's PURIM SEUDAH SUNDAY - MARCH 20



TONIGHT ~ SATURDAY EVENING MEGILLAH, MARCH 19

Mincha: 6:35 p.m. Maariv: 8:20 p.m. Megillah: 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY MORNING MEGILLAH, MARCH 20

Shacharis: 8:00 a.m. Megillah: 8:30 a.m.

Join Us! Celebrate PURIM!

Hasta LaPasta Purim Palooza!!!

Special "PASTA GROGGERS" for \$4.00 each

Purchase in shul tonight.

Boxes of pasta will be donated to the Jewish Food Pantry;
proceeds will benefit our Chesed and Rabbi's Charity Funds.

PURIM SEUDAH TOMORROW!

Mincha, 5:15 p.m. Seudah, 5:30 p.m. **SHARP!**

Hi-Jinks, & FUN for little kids, grown-up kids,
& the young-at-heart!!!

Plus **MIKE** the amazing Balloon Man creates his
unbelievable animals, Family Feud Game, Parade of
Costumes with Prizes for Kids & Grown-up Kids!

What's for dinner? Well, we "thought Middle East" and
came up with Moroccan Chicken, (plain Roasted
Chicken too), Israeli Couscous, Sandie's Salad, Green
Beans w/Caramelized Onions and Whiskey Slush ~ It's
not Purim without Whiskey Slush!! And, of course,
thanks to Sisterhood for the Hamantashen!



Come in Costume!

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