

# NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

March 3, 2012

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

9 Adar, 5772

Torah Portion Tetzaveh  
Maftir Zachor:  
Haftorah Zachor:

Exodus 27:20 – 27:19  
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I Samuel 15:1 – 15:34

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## Erev Shabbos - Friday, March 2

- **Mincha & Maariv** (5:30 pm)
- **Candle Lighting** (5:37 pm)

## Shabbos Zachor - Saturday, March 3

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:
  - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
  - Shacharis: **Ron Makovsky**
  - Leyning: **Michael Shapiro**
  - Haftorah: **Kenny Bressler**
  - 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)
- **Shabbos Study Group** (4:20 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** (5:20 pm)
- **Shabbos Concludes** (6:41 pm)



## This Week


שבת שלום

| Davening Times | Shabbos Mar 3           | Sun. Mar 4            | Mon. Mar 5          | Tues. Mar 6        | Wed. Mar 7                     | Thur. Mar 8                      | Fri. Mar 9   | Shabbos Mar 10 |
|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 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  | 5:20 pm                 | 5:40 pm               | 5:40 pm             | -                  | 5:30 pm                        | -                                | 5:40 pm      | 5:30 pm        |
| Mincha         | -                       | -                     | -                   | -                  | -                              | 4:45 pm                          | -            | -              |
| Ma'ariv Only   | -                       | -                     | -                   | 6:30 pm            | 6:30 pm                        | 6:45 pm                          | -            | -              |
| Events         | Kiddush; Shalosh Seudos | Learn; Palooza; Tanya | Give to Maos Chitim | Women's Home Study | FAST & Learn; Megillah 6:40 pm | Megillah 7:00 am; Seuda 5:00 pm; | Erev Shabbos | Shabbos        |

- **Sunday Learning** (Sunday, March 4, 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** – (Sundays, **ON RECESS** until next week) - with **Rabbi Smason**, for young men and women; at Starbucks at Olive & Price; with complimentary drinks to all participants!
- **Purim Palooza** – (Sunday, March 4, 10:30 am – Noon) - fun, arts & crafts for Kids! See picture ad.
- **Tanya Class** (Sunday, March 4, 8:00 pm) – at NHBZ lower level; see picture ad.
- **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group** (First Tuesday, March 6, 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!!

- **Vaad Hoer Maos Chitim Campaign** (now through March 6) – 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.
- **Fast of Esther** (Wednesday, March 7, 5:13 am - 6:42 pm) – **see picture ads for all Purim information!**
- **Rabbi Smason's FAST & Learn** (Wednesday, Mar 7, 12:15 p) - 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.
- **Megillah Reading I** (Wednesday evening, March 7, 6:40 pm) – Mincha at 5:30 pm; Ma'ariv at 6:30 pm.
- **Megillah Reading II** (Thursday morning, March 8, 7:00 am) – Shacharis at 6:30 am.
- **Purim Seuda** (Thursday evening, March 8, 5:00 pm **SHARP**) – Mincha at 4:45 pm; Ma'ariv at 6:45 pm).
- **Shechita Class** (Thursdays, **ON RECESS** until next week) - 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

- **Irvin Alper Social Club** (Sunday, March 11) – Special Event: “Howie” performs sing-along Show Tunes and Oldies; stay tuned for details.
-  (Shabbos, March 24)
- **Dine-In Pizza Night** (Last Sunday, March 25, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm).
- **Carry-Out Pizza Night** (to be determined)
- **Morris Lengua Yiddish Club** (**next date to be announced due to Pesach conflicts**) - Join us for a spirited hour filled with Yiddish stories, songs and laughter; "mavens" as well as novices are welcome.

## 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

- **Quinoa for Pesach** – Only **Andean Naturals** and **Ancient Harvest** brands *might* be certified for Pesach depending upon lot codes and packaging; check the Vaad Hoer Pesach Guide for details.

## 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 Tetzaveh

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## ***Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates***

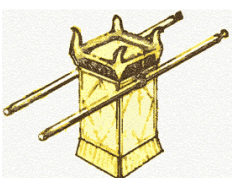


In Texas, Shabbos trumps the semifinals. An Orthodox Jewish high school in Houston is forfeiting a chance to compete in a state Basketball tournament after the most successful regular season in school history because times for playoff games conflict with the Jewish Sabbath. The Houston Beren Academy Stars boys basketball team announced on Monday that it would forfeit its scheduled state semifinal game rather than play on Shabbos. Victories in prior matchups set up a shocking semifinal for Beren, a tiny Orthodox Jewish school of just 67 students.

"It's disappointing. I've been here 10 years and I've always known where our priorities lie," Beren boys basketball coach Chris Cole said. "We were hopeful and optimistic going in that we could be able to do both — adhere to the religious beliefs here and play basketball." However, when it became apparent that the Stars would be unable to have their gefilte fish and eat it, too, the team chose Shabbos over basketball. "The sacred mission will trump excellence in the secular world," said Rabbi Harry Sinoff, Beren's head of school.

Faith and prayer have been described as vitamins of the soul; we cannot live in health without them. Life presents many obstacles when we seek to stand by our faith. However, when we succeed in putting into practice our spiritual and religious values and principles, we bring multiple blessings into our lives and create a Kiddush HaShem -- a sanctification of G-d's name -- like the Kiddush HaShem created by a Jewish high school basketball team.

## ***Parshas Tetzaveh Exodus 27:20 – 30:10***



This week's portion is a haberdasher's dream. Following on the heels of the elaborate details of the construction of the Mishkan, G-d describes to Moses the special garments which are to be worn by the Kohanim during their service. The ordinary Kohanim would wear four special garments, while four additional vestments were to be worn

exclusively by the Kohen Gadol (High Priest). All of these garments were woven and crafted from materials donated by the people.

The Torah portion then shifts its attention to G-d's commandments regarding the inauguration ritual for the newly constructed Mishkan, to be performed exclusively by Moses for seven days. The inauguration included Moses' adorning and anointing the Kohanim, and his bringing offerings. On the eighth day, Aaron and his sons would assume their offices as the Kohanim. After then describing the offering to be brought in the Mishkan every day of the year in the morning and afternoon, the portion concludes with the command to build the last of the Mishkan's structures, the golden altar upon which the incense would be offered every morning and afternoon.

## ***Rabbinic Ruminations***



Twelve years ago, the scientific consensus was that humans were "nasty" at the core, with a thin veneer of morality. However, Frans de Waal, a biologist at Emory University, claims that new research increasingly debunks the view of humanity as competitive, aggressive and brutish. Author of "The Age of Empathy: Nature's Lessons for a Kinder Society," de Waal told a major science conference that, "Humans have a lot of pro-social tendencies." The biologist said that human children are "moral" in a scientific sense, because they need to cooperate with each other to reproduce and pass on their genes.

Dr. de Waal said his research has disproved the dominant view originally espoused by 19th century biologist Thomas Henry Huxley that morality is absent in nature and something created by humans. We have, de Waal says, pro-social tendencies for "reciprocity, fairness, empathy and consolation."

Are humans basically good, or basically evil? Judaism teaches that two inclinations exist within man: that of 'good', known in Hebrew as the *yetzer tov*, and that of 'evil,' known as the *yetzer ha'rah*. The *yetzer tov* is the expression of the *neshama*, the human soul. The *yetzer ha'ra* represents the inner impulse or tendency to gravitate toward selfish gratification. We part ways with those who teach that man has an inherently sinful



and wicked nature. With the ability to choose either good or evil through the unique gift of freewill, our challenge is to both utilize and rise above our basic physical instincts in the service of G-d.

### Quote of the Week

"Sometimes I wish I had a terrible childhood, so that at least I'd have an excuse". -- Jimmy Fallon

### Joke of the Week

An Englishman, a Scotsman, an Irishman, a Welshman, a Latvian, a Turk, a German, an Indian, an American, an Argentinean, a Dane, an Australian, a Slovakian, an Egyptian, a Japanese, a Moroccan, a Frenchman, a New Zealander, a Spaniard, a Russian, a Guatemalan, a Colombian, a Pakistani, a Malaysian, a Croatian, a Uzbek, a Cypriot, a Pole, a Lithuanian, a Chinese, a Sri Lankan, a Lebanese, a Cayman Islander, a Ugandan, a Vietnamese, a Korean, a Uruguayan, a Czech, an Icelander, a Mexican, a Finn, a Honduran, a Panamanian, an Andorran, an Israeli, a

Venezuelan, a Fijian, a Peruvian, an Estonian, a Brazilian, a Portuguese, a Liechtensteiner, a Mongolian, a Hungarian, a Canadian, a Moldovan, a Haitian, a Norfolk Islander, a Macedonian, a Bolivian, a Cook Islander, a Tajikistani, a Samoan, an Armenian, an Aruban, an Albanian, a Greenlander, a Micronesian, a Virgin Islander, a Georgian, a Bahaman, a Belarusian, a Cuban, a Tongan, a Cambodian, a Qatari, an Azerbaijani, a Romanian, a Chilean, a Kyrgyzstani, a Jamaican, a Filipino, a Ukrainian, a Dutchman, an Ecuadorian, a Costa Rican, a Swede, a Bulgarian, a Serb, a Swiss, a Greek, a Belgian, a Singaporean, an Italian, a Norwegian and 47 Africans from different African countries, together all walk into a fine restaurant.

The maître d' looks at the group one by one, and refuses them entrance saying, "Sorry, you can't come in here without a Thai."

(thanks to Barry Weinshenker)



OYVEY!

### 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 3 - Mar 9**

## Happy Birthday

Shirley Bluestein  
Herb Subovitz  
Zachary Shanitkvitch  
Eric Fleshman

Vic Tendler  
Pearl Figus  
Janet Haber  
Rose Ragin

## Happy Anniversary

Don & Roma Kleiman  
Gary & Trudy Sudin

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](mailto:Pepshort613@gmail.com)

**Question:** Why does traditional Judaism not permit women to sing in the presence of men? After all, didn't men hear the Song of Miriam (and the Song of Songs)?

--- submitted by Dr. Susan Feigenbaum

### **Answer:**

Men are generally not allowed to hear women (other than immediate relatives) sing because of a prohibition called *kol isha*. -- literally, 'the voice of a woman.' This is derived from the Song of Songs (*Shir HaShirim*) 2:14, "Let me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet ("arev") and your face is beautiful." Under many circumstances the singing voice of a woman is alluring and attractive.

There is debate between *poskim* (authorities of Jewish law) whether the prohibition applies to a recorded voice, where the singer cannot be seen, where the woman is not known to the man who is listening and where he has never seen her or a picture of her. There are also opinions that exclude singing in mixed groups from this prohibition, such as synagogue prayer or dinner-table *Zmiros* (religious songs), based on the idea that the female voice is not distinctly heard as separate from the group in these cases. At the crossing of the Red Sea, the women sang separate and apart from the men. (Exodus 15:20, 21).

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

## **ISRAEL CORNER**

Did you know that the Israeli stock exchange (Tel Aviv TA-25 Index) produced better risk-adjusted returns than all other developed stock markets over the past decade?

**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 **Marian Walters**.

**Tell me a bit about your family history.**



I came from Mannheim, Germany in March, 1939, on my 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. I was transported to England, and I lived with the Freeman family, until I married my husband Kurt Walters. I still keep in touch with the oldest daughter of the Freeman family who now resides in Israel.

I was married in Hendon, London. We stayed in England until January, of 1949, had a short stint in New York, and then moved to St. Louis. I have two beautiful daughters and their families, including 6 great grandchildren.

**What is your favorite holiday and why?**

Chanukah! I so enjoy the holiday with my family.

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

I love to listen to classical music!! I bought a special radio so I could listen to music day and night!!

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

My husband and I found Nusach Hari Bnai Zion and never left.

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

I love the mountains. I would enjoy going back to Switzerland.

## MinyanMan News

Rabbi Smason will be out of town Sunday through Wednesday morning .....

**Call if you can attend!**

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  
Sundays at 8:00 pm. Men and Women are welcome. Contact Bob Kaiser at [rkaiser@armstrongteasdale.com](mailto:rkaiser@armstrongteasdale.com).

## Irvin Alper Social Club

**Sunday March 11, Special Event**

**"Howie" performs Show Tunes and Oldies**

## PURIM

Purim commemorates the salvation of the Jewish people in Ancient Persia from Haman's plot to kill all Jews in a single day. Set in Persia 2,300 years ago, the "Megillah" tells →

### **Today is Shabbos Zachor (Sabbath of Remembrance – March 3)**

Shabbos Zachor is the Shabbos before Purim. We read a special Maftir, Deuteronomy 25:17-19, which describes the attack by Amalek, and we are commanded to remember what Amalek did to us, and to blot out memory of Amalek. In the related haftorah next week (I Samuel 15), King Saul is ordered to kill the men, women, children and cattle of Amalek. Our sages understood the commandment to blot out Amalek as a command to blot out the type of people that Amalek represents: those who prey upon the weak, and hate without reason. The Talmud states a tradition that Haman was descended from Amalek, and that is why this reading precedes Purim. Everyone should make a special effort to hear the reading.

how a seemingly unrelated series of events spun together to save the Jewish people from annihilation. Purim is Judaism's most dramatic, fun-filled holiday. Here are the mitzvahs and customs of Purim at NHBZ:

#### **1. Give Charity to the Poor**

##### **- Mitzvah of Matanot l'Evyonim**

**Od Yosef Chai** - For several years, NHBZ has collected money for Od Yosef Chai, an organization that distributes money to the poor in Israel. Make checks payable to **Od Yosef Chai** and bring or send them to our office. To donate by credit card, please call 314-991-2100, ext. 2. The deadline for contributions is **Tuesday, March 6.**

**Pasta Groggers** - Buy special "pasta groggers" for \$4 each. Use the boxes of pasta as groggers during Megillah reading after which they will be donated to the Jewish Food Pantry in our community; proceeds will benefit the NHBZ Chesed Fund and the Rabbi's Charity Fund. Pay in advance, or buy them in shul when you arrive for Megillah reading on **Wednesday, March 7, and Thursday, March 8.** Thanks to Paul Mendelson for his generous donation of the "pasta groggers".

#### **2. Send Gifts to Friends**

##### **- Mitzvah of Mishloach Manot**

Fulfill the mitzvah of Mishloach Manos! Give actual gifts of food to at least two friends, then send our **PURIM CARDS** to everyone else!! All proceeds will benefit our NHBZ Chesed Fund. Cards may be purchased in our office at \$10.00 per pack of 5 cards with envelopes, or \$25 for three 5-packs.

#### **3. Fast of Esther**

To commemorate the day of prayer and fasting that the Jews held in the Book of Esther, we fast on the day before Purim, **Wednesday, March 7,** beginning at 5:13 a.m. and concluding at 6:42 p.m.

#### **4. Read the Book of Esther**

##### **- Mitzvah of Mikra Megillah**

It is a Mitzvah to hear the Megillah read twice.

##### **Wed. night, March 7**

5:30 pm - Mincha

6:30 pm - Maariv

6:40 pm - Megillah reading

##### **Thurs. morn, March 8**

6:30 am - Shachris

7:00 am - Megillah reading

#### **5. Eat a festive Purim meal**

##### **- mitzvah of Seudat Purim**

##### **Thursday night, March 8**

4:45 pm – Mincha,

5:00 pm **Sharp!** - Purim Seudah, Hi-Jinks, and FUN for all !!!

What's for dinner? Apricot Chicken, (plain roasted chicken available), Rice & Mushrooms, Sandie's Salad, Green Beans with Caramelized Onions and Whiskey Slush . . . **PLUS Hamantashen thanks to the NHBZ Sisterhood!!!**

6:45 - Ma'ariv

RSVPs ARE REQUIRED FOR DINNER

Call 314-991-2100, extension 5

Kids 3 & Under: FREE, Kids 4-10: \$8, Adults \$12

**COME IN COSTUME!**



Get ready for

**PURIM!**

**Sunday, March 4th**

**10:30-12:00 noon**

**A Fun-Filled morning of  
Making your own:**

**Hamentashen, Groggers & Masks  
(Children of all ages welcome)**

**All-You-Can-Eat Pancakes**

**Ages 2 & under: FREE. Ages 3 to 11: \$3.00.**

**Ages 12 to Adults: \$5.00.**

**Nusach Hari B'Nai Zion**

**650 North Price | Olivette, MO 63132**

**Space is limited. RSVP's are strongly encouraged**

**Call 314-991-2100 by March 1st**