

# NHBZ Shabbos & Shavuos Bulletin

May 26/27/28, 2012

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

5/7/8 Sivan, 5772



## Erev Shabbos - Friday, May 25

- **Mincha & Maariv** (7:00 pm)
- **Candle Lighting** (7:57 pm)

## Shabbos - Saturday, May 26

Torah Portion Bamidbar:  
Haftorah Bamidbar:

Numbers 1:1 – 4:20  
Hosea 2:1 – 2:22

Stone Chumash pp 726 - 747  
Stone Chumash pp 1180 - 1181

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:
  - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler** - Leyning: **Mayer Weisel** - Sermon: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
  - Shacharis: **Dr. Ethan Schuman** - Haftorah: **Fabian Attoun** - 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
- **Kiddush** (following Musaf)
- **No Shalosh Seudos today, and Shabbos Study Group will meet after Mincha today**
- **Mincha** (7:40 pm), **Light Yom Tov Candles**(after 9:00), **Maariv** (9:00 pm), **Dinner** (9:15 pm)
- **Shavuos Learning: Early Bird 1** (10:15 pm); **Early Bird 2** (11:15); **All Night** (after midnight)

## First Day of Shavuos - Sunday, May 27

Torah Portion:  
Maftir:  
Haftorah:

Exodus 19:1 - 20:23  
Numbers 28:26 - 28:31  
Ezekiel 1:1 – 1:28, 3:12

Siddur pp 520 - 522 or Chumash pp 400 - 415  
Siddur p 522 or Chumash pp 892 - 893  
Siddur pp 522 - 523 or Chumash pp 1228 - 1229

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:
  - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler** - Akdamus: **Rabbi Howard Graber** - Haftorah: **Kenny Bressler**
  - Shacharis: **Dr. Ethan Schuman** - Leyning: **Max Gornish** - Musaf: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
- **No Child Care, Youth Programming, Learners Service or Sermon today.**
- **Kiddush** (following Musaf) -
- **Mincha/Maariv** (7:55 pm), **Light Yom Tov Candles** (after 9:01 pm)

## Second Day of Shavuos - Monday, May 28

Torah Portion:  
Maftir:  
Haftorah:

Deuteronomy 15:19 – 16:17  
Numbers 28:26 - 28:31  
Habakkuk 2:20 – 3:19

Siddur pp 525 – 526 or Chumash pp 1018 - 1023  
Siddur p 522 or Chumash pp 892 - 893  
Siddur pp 526 - 527 or Chumash pp 1229 - 1231

- **Early Davening** (5:20) am
- **Regular Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:
  - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler** - Haftorah: **Ron Makovsky**
  - Shacharis: **Ron Makovsky** - Sermon: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
  - Leyning: **Max Gornish** - 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.
- **No Learners Service today.**
- **Kiddush** (following Musaf)
- **Mincha/Maariv** (7:55 pm), **Yom Tov ends** (9:01 pm)



## This Week

<b>Davening Times</b>	<b>Shabbos May 26</b>	<b>Sun. May 27</b>	<b>Mon. May 28</b>	<b>Tues. May 29</b>	<b>Wed. May 30</b>	<b>Thur. May 31</b>	<b>Fri. June 1</b>	<b>Shabbos June 2</b>
<b>Shachris</b>	9:00 am	9:00 am	9:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	9:00 am
<b>Mincha/Maariv</b>	7:40 pm	7:55 pm	7:55 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:45 pm
<b>Events</b>	Shavuos Dinner; Early&Late Learning	Shavuos; Early and Regular Shachris	Shavuos; Yizkor	Buy Cash Cards	Lunch 'n' Learn	Shechita Class	Shabbos Dinner; Schol-in-Res.	Shabbos Lunch; Schol.-in-Res.

- **Shavuos** (Motzei Shabbos May 26, Sunday May 27, Monday May 28) – see picture ad for details
- **Women's Guide to Time** (during Erev Shavuos learning Motzei Shabbos May 26) - see picture ad for details of this exciting program!
- **Yizkor** (Monday May 28, Second Day of Shavuos, approximately 10:30 am) – see picture ad.
- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** (Wednesday, May 30, 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, May 31, 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.
- **Scholar-in-Residence Weekend** (June 1-3) - Save the dates; **Dr. Jeffrey Lichtman** of Yachad, Scholar-in-Residence at NHBZ; Shabbos dinner, luncheon and more! See picture ad for details.
- **Buy and Use Cash Cards** (Monday – Friday) – Next order dates are **Thursday, May 31 and Friday, June 15**; buy 'em before these dates and earn free money for NHBZ.

## Postponed Events – No class May 27

- **Sunday Learning** - (Next Class Sunday, June 3, following Shachris) - **Rabbi Chanan Swidler** of Aish HaTorah leads Mishna study for men following Sunday Shachris which starts at 8:00 am.
- **RAP with the RABBI Teen Group** – (Next Class Sunday, June 10, 10:00) - with **Rabbi Smason**, for young men and women; at Starbucks at Olive & Price; with complimentary drinks for all!
- **Tanya Class** (Next Class Sunday, June 3, 8:00 pm)

## Coming Events

- **Dine-In Pizza Night** (Sunday, June 3, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm) – **ONE WEEK LATE**, due to Shavuos.
- **Irvin Alper Social Club** (First Sunday, June 3, **6:00 pm**) – join us at Pizza Night for supper, social hour, and a movie in the Teen Lounge; please RSVP to Ruth Alper at (314) 569-2877.
- **Grief Support Group** (Monday, June 4, 6:45 pm)
- **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group** (First Tuesday, June 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 Lengua Yiddish Club** (First Thursday, June 7, 7:30 pm) - Join us for a spirited hour filled with Yiddish stories, songs and laughter; "mavens" as well as novices are welcome.
- **Legacy Shabbos** (Saturday, July 14) – **NEW DATE** - stay tuned.
- **Carry-Out Pizza Night** (Wednesday, June 13) – please place orders by Noon on June 13;

## Meetings

- **Board of Directors** (Tuesday, June 12, following minyan at 7:00 pm)
- **Executive Committee** (Tuesday, June 26, following minyan at 7:00 pm)

### Minyan Information

Even reciting Tehilim or other prayers and learning Torah are forbidden during the Chazan's repetition of the Amidah.

Mayer Taller 997-0527  
 Rabbi Smason 749-5271  
 Howard Sandler 409-7266  
 NHBZ Office 991-2100

# ***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 Bamidbar/Shavuos

May 26, 2012

5 Sivan, 5772

## **Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates**



The Facebook IPO on Friday left some investors feeling they should have stayed in bed. For Jared White, a 31-year-old securities trader from Austin, Texas, it left him feeling very lucky. At around 10:45 am Friday, Jared accidentally canceled his orders through his firm's electronic trading system. When he realized what he had done, he re-entered his order at 11:13 am, saw an indication that it was accepted by Nasdaq and settled in front of his screen to watch the action when trading finally started. For the next two hours, fear and confusion swept through the markets as the value of the stock steadily sank throughout the late morning and early afternoon.

Jared said, "I spent much of the day thinking that I was going to lose \$120,000 or more." A Nasdaq systems glitch led many traders to have a delay in confirmation of orders. At around 1:50 pm, most original orders were confirmed -- except for Jared's, whose account showed zero shares. Inexplicably, Jared's re-entered order was never recognized. He felt like he had dodged a bullet. Jared said, "I seriously got struck by lightning and survived." The Facebook shares never really recovered and fell most of the rest of the day, with many investors losing tens of thousands of dollars or more - but not Jared White.

John Milton said, "Luck is the residue of design." The words 'luck', 'chance' and 'coincidence' are not part of a Jewish vocabulary. While it is often difficult (if not impossible) to know why things happen, a solidly-founded belief in G-d will lead to the inescapable conclusion that there are no accidents. Everything - even in the stock market - happens for a reason.

## **Parshas Bamidbar – Numbers 1:1 – 4:20**



This week we begin reading Sefer Bamidbar -- known in English as 'The Book of Numbers'. Bamidbar ('in the desert') begins with G-d telling Moses to take a census of all men over the age of 20. If you like names and numbers, you'll love this week's portion. The count reveals just over 600,000, excluding the Levites who weren't included in the census. We also find described the manner in which the Jewish People camped around

the Mishkan (Tabernacle), and the order in which they traveled during the 40 years in the desert. The Jewish People were arranged in four sections around the Mishkan; east, south, west and north.

The Levites are singled out for special responsibilities. A formal transfer is made between the first-born and the Levites, whereby the Levites take over the role the first-born would have served. The sons of Levi are divided into three main families; Gershon, Kehas and Merari. Each is given a special task in transporting the Mishkan.

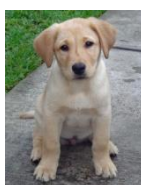
## **Shavuos**



The major festival of Shavuos begins on Saturday evening May 26, and concludes Monday evening, May 28. Many of you may remember Cecil B. DeMille's film 'The Ten Commandments', starring Charlton Heston. Good film; however -- the book was better than the movie. On Sunday morning the Torah reading (Exodus 19:1 - 20:23) contains the narrative of giving of the Torah and the Aseres HaDibros - inaccurately translated as 'The Ten Commandments.' On the second day of Shavuos, Monday, May 28, the Torah reading (Deut.14:22 - 16:17) contains a brief description of the Shalosh Regalim - Passover, Shavuos and Succos.

An argument can be made that Shavuos is THE most important holiday of the Jewish year. After all, without the Torah, what is Judaism? The Torah was given to all of the Jewish people. Unlike DeMille's version where only Charlton ... I mean, Moses, heard G-d speak, the uniqueness of Matan Torah (Revelation) is that every man, woman and child heard G-d speak at Sinai. This fact alone distinguishes Judaism from all other religions and faiths. When the Torah was given, it was to the entirety of the Jewish people.

## **Rabbinic Ruminations**



Every dog has his day, but a dog named Sir Lancelot - or at least his carbon copy - has a second one. Edgar and Nina Otto, a Florida couple, paid a California firm \$155,000 to clone their beloved Labrador retriever, who died from cancer a year ago. The clone, a 10-week-old puppy dubbed Lancey, was delivered to them earlier this week. "Sir Lancelot

was the most human of any dog we've ever had," Edgar Otto said. "He was a prince among dogs ... (he) was a very, very, very special dog to us."

Edgar and Nina said they began thinking about cloning Sir Lancelot about five years ago. The Ottos were one of five families to bid and win an auction for a chance to clone their family dog. Sir Lancelot's DNA sample was sent to a biotech research foundation in Seoul, South Korea. Researchers there put the DNA into an egg, and Lancey was born November 18.

There has been considerable debate throughout the world regarding the propriety of cloning. Does cloning constitute an appropriate exercise of humanity's mandate to conquer the world (Genesis 1:28) and improve it (Tikun Olam), or is it an inappropriate intrusion into the world order established by the Almighty? The commercial cloning of animals such as Sir Lancelot raises a number of specific ethical issues. Many believe that reproductive cloning is unproven, risky and represents a misunderstanding of identity. And in a world with so many needs, can the outlay of exorbitant sums to clone a favorite pet be justified?

### Quote of the Week

"Actually, I'm an overnight success. But it took twenty years. -- Monty Hall

### Joke of the Week

A man accidentally swallowed a ping-pong ball, and he was rushed to surgery for its removal. The patient insisted on having a local anesthetic so he could watch the operation. He winced a little as the first incision was made, but he didn't actually feel it; nor did he feel the next cut, nor the next. He did become a little alarmed at the number of incisions, however, as the surgeon cut here and there, in what seemed a rather random manner.

"Why do you have to cut in so many places?" he asked. "They don't seem to be consistent."

"Well," replied the surgeon, cutting away, "that's the way the ball bounces."



OY VEY!

**Mazel Tov On Simchas**  
**This Week May 26 - June 1**

**Happy Birthday**

**Lester Figus June Cohen**

**Happy Anniversary**

**Dr. Jay Pepose & Dr. Susan Feigenbaum**  
**Robert & Sheryl Levine**  
**Lawrence & Carol Abrams**

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

### LOST & FOUND

1. Found a diabetes testing kit with a small black zippered case on the lower level parking lot.
2. Found a child's winter coat on the rack outside chapel

### YIZKOR REMINDERS

1. Yizkor will be recited on the second day of Shavuot, May 28, 2012.
2. When we recite Yizkor, we pledge to give Tzedakah in memory of our loved ones; please send your Yizkor donations to NHBZ.
3. We will recite the name of your loved one out loud during Yizkor services for \$18 per year. Call the office at 991-2100 for details.

### ISRAEL CORNER

Israel has more university degrees per capita than any other country in the world.

### FROM FALAFEL TO THE DEAD SEA

**Are you going to Israel this summer?**

Join other teens as you prepare for your Israel experience, and learn practical tips to make this a summer to remember.

**Tips will include:** What to pack • What to leave at home • Travel strategies for the long transatlantic flight • Israeli currency • What to expect when you arrive, and much more.

**Hear first-hand from teens who were in Israel last year. They'll have answers to all your questions!**

**Sunday, June 3, 2012, 2:00 - 3:30 pm**  
**Kopolow Building, 12 Millstone Campus Drive**  
**RSVP or questions: Karen Rader**  
**krader@cajestl.org or 314.442.3756**

## Stump the Rabbi

Ask Rabbi Smason questions about Judaism. Ask in person, by phone or by email at: [Pepshort613@gmail.com](mailto:Pepshort613@gmail.com)

**Question:** Why do we have the custom to eat dairy foods on Shavous?

**Answer:** Several reasons are offered:

- 1) In commemoration of the "Two Breads" offering that was brought to the Temple only on Shavous, we partake of two **distinct** dishes. Therefore, some start the Yom Tov meal eating dairy dishes and foods, and mid-way through the meal they remove the dairy foods and replaces them with meat dishes.
- 2) Milk is a symbol of purity, its whiteness a sign of spiritual cleanliness. This represents the purity we attain during the period of the Omer count.
- 3) The gematria (numerical value) of the word chalav (milk) is forty, corresponding to the forty days that Moshe spent on Mount Sinai to receive the Torah.
- 4) The consumption of dairy products (and of honey) recalls the verse "honey and milk beneath your tongue" (Shir Hashirim 4:11), which is stated concerning the Torah.
- 5) After the laws of kashrus were given, the Jewish people had to wait 24 hours before kashering their cooking utensils and dishes. Therefore, on that first day of receiving the Torah, they ate dairy products.

## Getting to Know You

by Roving Reporter Robin Rickerman

This week featuring **Dodi Smason**.



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

I was born and raised in University City, and lived in the same house for 20 years until my family's recent move to Olivette. I am one of 9 children, with 2 older brothers, 2 older sisters and 2 younger brothers and 2 younger sisters. People often ask if I like having a big family. We could make our own baseball team; what's not to like about that? We have tons of fun together and I wouldn't trade my family for the world! My parents are incredible, for much more than raising 9 children (plus our dog, Xander) and I love them very much.

**What is your favorite Jewish Holiday?**

The 17th of Av, the day I made Aliyah, is my favorite holiday. My father told me that Rav Aviner says one does not recite Tachanun on the anniversary of making Aliyah, because it is a holiday. The Rambam also established a personal holiday on the day he made Aliyah. On my "Aliyah Holiday", I celebrate that I will be able to spend the holidays, for the rest of my life, in Israel.

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

I took Krav Magah, Israeli Defense Martial Arts. Watch out!

**How did we become so fortunate to have you so involved at Nusach Hari?**

I remember when I was nine, my mom picked me up from school with the exciting news that my father was going to be the Rabbi of Nusach Hari. Ever since then, I have been a proud member.

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

There is no place like Israel, but I would love to travel through South America. In particular, I want to visit Peru and the famous site of Machu Picchu. I once saw my friends pictures from her trip to Peru and Machu Picchu and I knew that I had to visit. South America has beautiful mountains, beaches and history, which are all aspects I would love to explore. One day!

### Thanks to June 1 Shabbos Dinner Sponsors

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## SHAVUOS SCHEDULE 5772

### Saturday May 26, Motzei Shabbos

9:00 pm Ma'ariv

9:15 pm Shavuos Dinner -

Bagels & Lox, Egg Salad, Sesame Noodles, Sandie's Salad, Cucumbers in Dill Sauce, Cheesecake, Strawberries and Sugar-Free Pies

Adults \$12.00; Kids 6-11 \$6.00; Kids under 6 Free

10:15 pm Early Bird Learning Session 1

- Spiritual Significance of Eagle Wings - Rabbi Ze'ev Smason
- Meaning of astrological sign of "The Twins" for Jewish women - Rebbitzin Chani Smason

11:00 pm Early Bird Learning Session 2

- Jewish Influence on Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel Ceiling, Part 2 - Dr. Ethan Schuman
- The State of Israel and Mashiah/ Messiah - Menachem Szus

Midnight - All Night Learning, including Tanya, Chap. 32 (The obligation to Love A Fellow Jew)

### Sunday May 27, First Day of Shavuos

5:20 am Early Minyan

9:00 am Regular Yom Tov Services

### Monday May 28, Second Day of Shavuos

9:00 am Shachris

10:30 am YIZKOR

## Shavuos - Festival of Weeks

This is a major holiday celebrated seven weeks after Pesach. Even though it is only a two day Yom Tov, nevertheless, it is a very important Jewish Festival. Our Sages inform us that **G-d** revealed the **Ten Commandments** to the Jewish people on **Shavuos**. Shavuos is observed with festive meals. Some people include cheese cake and blintzes on the menu, reminiscent of the Torah that is compared to milk & honey. The Song of Songs (4:11) reads: "Honey & Milk shall be under your tongue." This implies that the words of the Torah may be as pleasant to our ears and hearts as are milk and honey to our tongue. Shavuos is observed by attending services in the shul, resting from work on Saturday evening, May 26, and also on Sunday and Monday, May 27 and May 28.

Kiddush is recited on Saturday and Sunday evenings at home, and on Sunday and Monday afternoons following services. Prior to the reading of the Torah on the first day of Shavuos, a special poem tribute to **G-D** for creating the world and giving Israel the Torah is said. The poem is called **Akdamus**.

## Scholar in Residence Weekend

with **Dr. Jeffrey Lichtman**,



National Director of Yachad, the National Jewish Council of Dis-abilities (NJCD), Dean of IVDU Schools, Director of NJ Association of Jewish Day Schools, and an experienced, and compelling advocate and speaker.

### Friday evening, June 1

7:00 pm -- a lively and spirit filled Kabbalat Shabbat

7:45 pm -- festive dinner and program

**Dr. Lichtman** will speak on

**"Faith in the Face of Life's Challenges"**

### Saturday morning, June 2

9:00 am -- Regular Shabbat services

10:15 am -- Learners Service in the Chapel

led by **Rabbi Smason**

11:30 am (approximately) Kiddush & Lunch

**Dr. Lichtman** will speak on

**"All in the Family: Celebrating Diversity Within Our Community Family"**

### Sunday morning, June 3

10:00 am -- Community Lecture

**Dr. Lichtman** will speak on

**"How to Develop Your Child's Potential"**

All talks are free and open to the entire Jewish Community. Home hospitality for the weekend is available.

Festive Shabbos Dinner

Friday, June 1, 7:45 pm

Reservations required - call 314-991-2100

Adults \$15.00; Kids 6-11 \$8.00; Kids under 6 free

Yom Tov candles are kindled on the two evenings of Shavuos. The two Brochos are:

*Boruch Ata Ado-oi Elo-eynu Melech HaOlom, Asher Kidshonu B'Mitzvosov V'Tzivonu L'Hadlik Ner Shel Yom Tov.*

Blessed are you O **L-RD our G-D**, King of the Universe, who sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us to kindle the lights of Yom Tov.

*Boruch Ata Ado-oi Elo-eynu Melech HaOlom, Sh'Hehcheyanu V'Ky"Manu V'Higiyanu Lazman Hazeh.*

Blessed are you O **L-RD our G-D**, King of the Universe, who has granted us life and sustenance and permitted us to reach this season.