

NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

May 28, 2011

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

24 Iyar, 5771

Torah Portion Bamidbar:
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Today's bulletin is sponsored by **Craig & Jackie Berkin** in honor of **Phyllis Silverman's** birthday, and by **Pearl Figus** to say Happy Birthday to her husband **Lester**.

Happy Wedding Anniversary to **Dr. Susan Feigenbaum & Dr. Jay Pepose**, and to **Bobby & Sheryl Levine**.



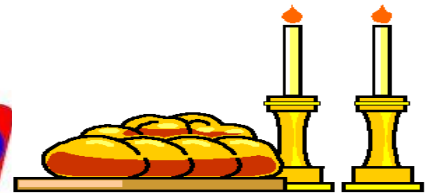
Erev Shabbos - Friday, May 27

- **Mincha & Maariv** (7:00 pm)
- **Candle Lighting** (7:56 pm)

Shabbos - Saturday, May 28

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
 - Shacharis: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
 - Leyning: **Michael Shapiro**
 - Haftorah: **Fabian Attoun**
 - Sermon: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
 - Musaf: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
- **Girls Jr. Congregation** (10:30 am) - Girls Jr. Congregation and younger children meet in the Children's Room on the lower level with **Nina Levine** and **Georgia Laird**.
- **Kiddush-Lunch** (following Musaf) - is sponsored by **Dr. Susan Feigenbaum & Dr. Jay Pepose** in honor of their wedding anniversary: thanks to 'Pop-Stars' of the week, **Drs. Feigenbaum & Pepose**, who are also sponsoring soda in honor of their anniversary; **cake** is sponsored by **Irwin & Roz Rosen** in honor of **Bobby & Sheryl Levine's** wedding anniversary.
- **Shabbos Study Group** (6:55 pm) - Studies in Tanach, led by **Menachem Szus**; everyone at any level of learning is welcome; now studying Yeshayahu (Isaiah).
- **Boys' Mishna Study Group** (7:10 pm) - With **Rabbi Smason**, for boys ages 10-17.
- **Mincha/Shalosh Seudos** (7:40 pm)
- **Shabbos Concludes** (9:01 pm)

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This Week

Davening Times	Shabbos May 28	Sun. May 29	Mon. * May 30	Tues. May 31	Wed. June 1	Thur. June 2	Fri. * June 3	Shabbos June 4
Shachris	9:00 am	8:00 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	6:45 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv	7:40 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:45 pm

* Memorial Day Brunch & Learn

* Rosh Chodesh

- **Sunday Learning** (Sunday May 29, 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 May 29, 9:15 am - 10:00 am) - with **Rabbi Smason**, for young men and women; now meeting at Starbucks at Olive and Price, with complimentary drinks to all participants!

- **Dine-in Pizza Night** (Sunday, May 29, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm) - see picture ad.
- **Memorial Day Brunch & Learn** (Monday, May 30, 8:00 am) - Shachris davening followed by brunch; then *Rabbi Smason* will speak on the topic "Four Types of Students".
- **4th Annual Aish HaTorah Memorial Day Barbecue** (Monday, May 30) - see picture ad.
- **Buy and Use Cash Cards and Kohn's Scrip** - Next Cash-card Order Days are May 31 and June 15; earn free money for NHBZ. Order your cards this week! Buy Kohn's Scrip any time.
- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** (Wednesday, June 1, 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.
- **Morris Lengua Yiddish Club** (First Thursday, June 2, 7:30 pm) - Join us for a spirited hour filled with Yiddish stories, songs and laughter; seasoned "mavens" as well as novices are welcome.
- **YouTube** - Please see Rabbi Smason's "**Hey! Hey! Five in Five**" interview with Larry Levin of the St. Louis Jewish Light on YouTube - go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lfOKoMBDMks> .

Coming Events

- **Annual Barbara Mendelson Tomchai Shabbos Brunch** (Sun. June 5, 9:30 am) at U.-City Shul, 700 North and South Rd; tribute to Irv & Kay Diamant for service and kindness to our community; free brunch and presentation is sponsored by the Vaad Hoer. RSVP 726-2163.
- **Irvin Alper Social Club** (First Sunday, June 5)
- **Shavuos Dinner and Early-Bird Learning** (Tuesday night, June 7) see picture ad and Save the Date; **Shavuos** (June 8 & 9); **Yizkor** (June 9)
- **Next Carry-Out Pizza Night** (Wednesday, June 15)
- **June Lunch & Learn and Graduation Shabbos** (June 18) - Guest Speaker will be **Rabbi Avi Greene**, Head of School of H.F. Epstein Hebrew Academy; Rabbi Greene's topic will be: "*What Can Be Done About the High Cost of Jewish Education?*"
- **Sisterhood Luncheon** (June 21)
- **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group** (First Tuesday, July 5, 2:30 pm; **no class in June**) - 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!!!

Meetings

- **Board of Directors** - (Tuesday, June 14, 7:30 pm following minyan)
- **Executive Meeting** - (Tuesday, June 28, 7:30 pm following minyan)



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.
- **Norma's Bakery** - is open again after a Pesach vacation.
- **Tributes** - Show your friends you care
For a Shul tribute, call *Gloria Waxman* at 872-3296
For a sisterhood tribute, call *Phyllis Silverman* at 434-2482
For Libby Needle Fund tribute - Call *Sally Needle* at 314-991-2575
- **Buy a Brick Online** - Our website now accepts online donations for the Brick and Planting Campaign; go to <http://www.nhbz.org/dedications.asp> or call the office at 314-991-2100.
- **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: office work, cooking, pickup and delivery, repairs, Pizza night, Sukkah raising, outreach committee, building committee; please call the office to volunteer - 314-991-2100.



I'm not kiddin' any more . . .

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

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Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates



Rick Hill of Lunenburg, Massachusetts, was walking on Waikiki Beach in April while on vacation with his wife and children. Joe Parker, who works at a local hotel, offered to take a picture of the Hill family. Parker recognized the Massachusetts accent and said he used to live in Leominster, right next to Lunenburg. They began to explore if they knew anyone in common. Parker asked Hill if he knew the late Dickie Halligan. Hill said he felt chills. Halligan was his father. Parker said Halligan was his father, too. The men were half-brothers. Parker called the encounter "mind blowing." Both men knew they had a brother, but never expected to meet.

A 'random' encounter on a beach in Hawaii uniting two brothers from Massachusetts who had never met might be considered 'coincidental' -- but 'coincidental' is a word we should remove from our vocabulary. Albert Einstein once said, "Coincidence is G-d's way of remaining anonymous." While few of us have unexpectedly met a long-lost sibling, our lives are filled with 'small miracles' that regularly occur. In our daily prayers we thank G-d for "Your miracles which are with us daily, and for Your continual wonders and kindnesses." Because we become accustomed to life and nature, we rarely see the levers and pulleys of the small and hidden miracles that surround us. G-d is certainly with us and speaks with us. We need only to open our eyes and see.

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 Leviim (Levites) who weren't included in the census. We also find described the manner in which Bnai Yisrael camped around the Mishkan (Tabernacle), and the order in which they travelled during the 40 years in the desert. Bnai Yisrael were arranged in four sections around the Mishkan; east, south, west and north.

The Leviim are singled out for special responsibilities. A formal transfer is made between the first-born and the Leviim, whereby the Leviim 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.

Rabbinic Ruminations



Where were you on the day the world didn't end? An American minister captivated believers and aroused skeptics by using math and the Bible to predict that Saturday, May 21, 2011, would begin the rolling global destruction of

'Judgement Day' (full disclosure: on that Saturday, I was in synagogue). Harold Camping, an 89-year-old fundamentalist minister, said he was "flabbergasted" the world didn't end last weekend when his doomsday prophecy didn't come true. The false prediction seems to have put a dent in the pocketbook of some of Camping's followers.

Keith Bauer, a 38-year-old tractor trailer driver, took a road trip with his family to see the Grand Canyon before the world ended. "With maxed-out credit cards and a growing mountain of bills," Bauer said, "the (end-of-the-world) would have been a relief." Robert Fitzpatrick, who spent \$140,000 of his life savings to advertise the end-of-the-world in New York, said he was dumbfounded when life went on as usual Saturday. "I do not understand why ... I do not understand why nothing has happened."

Judaism has no guaranteed doomsday prophecies. It does teach, however, "Do *teshuva* (return) one day before you die." (Ethics of the Fathers 2:10) Of course one should do *teshuva* one day before they die. Who wouldn't? Furthermore, does a person ever know exactly when they will die? The answer is: do *teshuva* everyday, lest you die tomorrow. Doing *teshuva* each day means to consistently examine your character, your actions and the quality of your relationships. To daily ask yourself, "Is this the way I want to meet G-d?" Do I have anything left to take care of? Do I have any habits to change? Do *teshuva* now -- avoid the Yom Kippur rush. We can achieve change and holiness through daily introspection.

Quote of the Week

"If you rest, you rust" -- Helen Hayes, at age 88



Joke of the Week

Albert and Sophie decide to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary at the KOSHER MOSHE Chinese restaurant. When they arrive, they discuss the menu with the waiter and agree to share the chef's special 'Chicken Surprise.' After a short wait, the waiter brings over their meal, which is served inside a lidded cast iron pot, and then he departs without removing the lid. Sophie is ready to start eating but before she can reach over to the pot, the lid suddenly

rises by an inch all by itself. Sophie looks closely at the pot and briefly sees two beady little eyes looking at her. Then the lid slams back down again.

"Did you see that?" she asks Albert.

"No, darling, I didn't."

"So look in the pot already."

As Albert reaches for the lid, it again rises up by itself, and he sees two beady little eyes looking at him. Then the lid firmly slams back down again. Albert gets the manager and tells him what they saw and demand an explanation.

"Well sir, I think I can explain. "What did you order?"

We ordered "the Chicken Surprise," Albert says.

"Oh I do apologize," says the manager, "the waiter brought you the 'Peking Duck' by mistake."



OYVEY!



**PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA
at NHBZ!!!**

Lion's Den **DINE- IN** Pizza Night
TOMORROW, SUNDAY, MAY 29 !!
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

NEXT CARRY-OUT NIGHT IS JUNE 15

**TO OUR WONDERFUL
NUSACH HARI FAMILY**

With Love and Thanks for the many ways
you have done chesed for our family!

Delicious Shabbos dinner,
many tributes in memory of our dear

MORRIS FREDLICH
Loving Husband, Father, Grandfather
& Great-Grandfather

and for my *Refuah Shelema*.

I look forward to seeing you all in Shul very
soon!

Much Love,
Shirley Fredlich and Family

**June Lunch & Learn
and Graduation Shabbos
June 18**

Guest Speaker will be
Rabbi Avi Greene
Head of School of Epstein Hebrew
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Rabbi Greene will speak on the topic:
"What Can Be Done About the High Cost
of Jewish Education?"

**Call us with the names of
your Graduates**

Do you have a graduate in your family? Please call the office, 314-991-2100, extension 2, and give us his or her name and school so we can wish your graduate a big Mazel Tov during Graduation Shabbos on June 18!

We ask each family to honor its graduate(s) by helping to sponsor the lunch & dessert with an \$18.00 contribution.



4th Annual Aish HaTorah Memorial Day Barbecue at Millenium Park

Fun for the whole family!

- Playground
- Covered pavilion
- Walking trail
- Baseball – game begins at 2pm
- Delicious food – dinner served at 4pm
- Splash pad – bring towel & change of clothes

Monday, May 30th. 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
(Baseball at 2 pm, Dinner at 4 pm)
Adults \$10, Kids (4-12) \$5, kids (0-3) free

Location: Millenium Park in Creve Coeur
902 Mason Rd. (near Olive Blvd.
behind Barnes Jewish Hospital West)
For more information, contact 314-862-2474
or cwoff @aish.com

Mazel Tov
On Simchas this week!
May 28 - June 3, 2011 !

Happy Birthday

Lester Figs
June Cohen
Ed Lyss

Happy Anniversary

Robert & Sheryl Levine
Lawrence & Carol Abrams
Robert & Joni Kaiser
Don & Julie Eisenberg

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

5th Annual Shavuos Dinner and Early Bird Learning Tuesday Night, June 7th

8:00 pm Davening
8:39 pm Dinner
10:00 pm Early-Bird Learning

Buffet Menu:

Jackie's French Onion Soup, Teriyaki Salmon
and Plain Salmon, Salad Bar, Pasta Bar,
Green Beans w/French's Crispy Onions,
Cheesecake, Strawberries and Sugar-Free
Pies!!!

In addition to your reservations for the
dinner, please become a sponsor
@ \$20.00 to help offset the costs.

RSVP required for dinner: 314-991-2100 ext. 2

Members: \$12.00

Non-members & Walk-ins: \$18.00.

Norma's Bakery is Open

Enjoy fresh baked homemade challah and
cake, and support **NHBZ** at the same time!

Every purchase includes a donation to **NHBZ**
& it *still* costs less than other "home" kosher
bakeries

All baked goods are pareve and prepared in
the NHBZ kitchen under RABBINIC
SUPERVISION of Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

Challah, medium	\$4.50	(\$1.00 to NHBZ)
Challah, large	\$6.00	(\$2.00 to NHBZ)
Lemony Lemon Cake	\$8.00	(\$2.00 to NHBZ)
Chocolaty Chocolate Cake	\$8.00	(\$2.00 to NHBZ)
Fresh Apple Apple Cake	\$8.00	(\$2.00 to NHBZ)

Call Norma Yabeta at 314-398-1044
before Noon on Wednesday so your order
will be ready for pick up before Shabbos.

Shavuos Schedule

TUESDAY NIGHT, JUNE 7

Bench Licht	8:05 pm
Mincha	8:00 pm
Shavuos Dinner	8:30 pm
Early Bird Learning: Two concurrent classes	10:00 pm
Rabbi Ze'ev Smason -	
<i>"Why Is Learning Torah So Important?"</i>	
Dr. Ethan Schuman -	
<i>"Why Was Michelangelo's 'David' Uncircumcised?"</i>	
All Night Learning	11:15 pm
Led by Menachem Szus -	
<i>"Selections from Pirkei Avos, Kuzari and the 613 Commandments"</i>	

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 8

Early Morning Shacharis Services	5:00 am
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8 - FIRST DAY OF YOM TOV

Shacharis	9:00 am
Mincha	9:05 pm
Bench Licht for Yom Tov	9:09 pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 9 - SECOND DAY OF YOM TOV

Shacharis	9:00 am
Yizkor	approx. 10:30 am
Mincha	8:05 pm
Yom Tov Concludes.....	9:09 pm

**Thanks to
Shavuos Dinner
sponsors already
on board:**

*Bob & Sandie Abrams
Lenny & Fran Alper
Andy & Ellen Berg
Dr. Craig & Jackie Berkin
Sam & Shirley Bluestein
Dr. Susan Feigenbaum &
Dr. Jay Pepose
Alan & Janet Haber
Bob & Joni Kaiser
Bobby & Sheryl Levine
Ted & Rachael Pevnick
Dr. David & Fran Reisler
Mark Ragin & Gail Rose
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Irwin & Roz Rosen
Dr. Jonathan &
Naomi Shanker
Sid & Phyllis Silverman
Gary & Trudy Sudin
Menachem & Linda Szus
Mayer Taller
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Sisterhood*

Shavuos - Festival of Weeks

This is a major holiday celebrated seven weeks after Pesach. Our Sages tell us that **G-d** revealed the **Ten Commandments** to the Jewish people on **Shavuos**. Shavuos is observed with festive meals, attending services in the shul, and resting from work. Some people include cheesecake and blintzes on the menu, reminiscent of the Torah that is compared to milk and 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.

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.

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