

# NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

November 12, 2011

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

15 Cheshvan, 5771

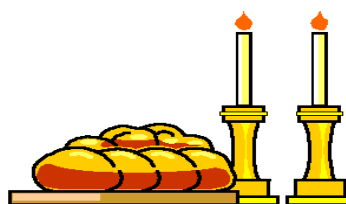
Torah Portion Vayeira:  
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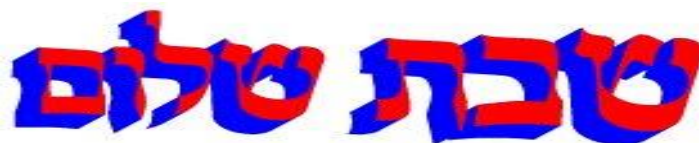
## Erev Shabbos - Friday, November 11

- **Mincha & Maariv** (4:30 pm)
- **Candle Lighting** (4:33 pm)



## Shabbos - Saturday, November 12

- **Shachris & Musaf** (8:30 am) - Thank you for leading services:
  - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
  - Shacharis: **Menachem Szus**
  - Leyning: **Kenny Bressler**
  - Haftorah: **Kenny Bressler**
  - Sermon: *none, due to Synaplex*
  - Musaf: **David Rubin**
- **Learners Service** (10:00 am) – Led by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**, in the Chapel.
- **Child Care** (10:00 am) - in the Children's Room downstairs with **Georgia Laird**.
- **Synaplex** (following Musaf) - See schedule on page 5.
- **Kiddush & Lunch** (following Musaf) - **MAZEL TOV** to our friends celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries in October and November! Our celebrants invite everyone to Kiddush & Lunch in the Social Hall. Please be seated and silent until Rabbi Smason makes Kiddush, after which you may wash. Then, please be seated and silent until Rabbi Smason makes HaMotzi before eating.
- **Thanks to 'POP-Star'** of the week **Lori Laird** for sponsoring soda in honor of the birthday of her son Nathan, and to tell him that she is very proud of how hard he is working in yeshiva!
- **Shabbos Study Group** (3:45 pm) - Studies in Tanach, led by **Menachem Szus**; everyone at any level of learning is welcome; now studying Yeshayahu (Isaiah).
- **Boys' Mishna Study Group** (3:45 pm) - With **Rabbi Smason**, for boys ages 10-17.
- **Mincha/Shalosh Seudos/Ma'ariv** (4:15 pm)
- **Shabbos Concludes** (5:35 pm)



## This Week

Davening Times	Shabbos Nov 12	Sun. Nov 13	Mon. Nov 14	Tues. Nov 15	Wed. Nov 16	Thur. Nov 17	Fri. Nov 18	Shabbos Nov 19
Shachris	8:30 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv	4:15 pm	4:25 pm	4:25 pm	-	-	-	4:25 pm	4:10 pm
Ma'ariv Only	-	-	-	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	-	-

- **New Minyan Schedule Tues/Wed/Thurs** (from now until Daylight Saving Time starts in the Spring)
- **Sunday Learning** (Nov 13, 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, Nov 13, 10:00 am) - with **Rabbi Smason**, for young men and women; at Starbucks at Olive & Price; with complimentary drinks to all participants!
- **Old Building Cleanup Day** – (Sunday, November 13. 9:00 am) – Help clean up and pitch trash; “dibs on the good stuff.”
- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** (Wednesday, Nov 16, 12:15 pm, in the Teen Lounge on the lower level) - 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.

- **Buy and Use Cash Cards** (Monday – Friday) – Order your Cash-cards on **Tuesday, November 15 and Monday, November 28**; earn free money for NHBZ; Kohn's Scrip is temporarily sold out.
- **Make reservations for the banquet; place an ad in the journal** (asap) – see picture ad.

## Coming Events

- **Semi-Annual Members Meeting and Election of Officers & Board** – (Sunday, November 20, 10:00 am) – in the upstairs Social Hall.
- **Smason Family Vacation** (Thursday, Nov 24, through Tuesday, Nov 29)
- **Dine-In Pizza Night** (Sunday, November 27, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm) – beat the leftover turkey blues!
- **Morris Lenga Yiddish Club** (First Thursday, December 1, 7:00 pm) - Join us for a spirited hour filled with Yiddish stories, songs and laughter; seasoned "mavens" as well as novices are welcome.
- **Irvin Alper Social Club** (First Sunday, Dec 4)
- **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group** (First Tuesday, December 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!!!
- **Anniversary Banquet** (Sunday, Dec. 18) – You are invited to attend the NHBZ 106<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet and Re-dedication of our New Shul; honoring **Menachem & Linda Szus** and Woman of Valor **Mrs. Phyllis Silverman**; buffet dinner at 5:00 pm; "Great American Music Tribute" at 7:00 pm. See picture ad.

## Meetings

- **Semi-Annual Members Meeting & Election of Officers & Board** (Sunday, Nov 20, 10:00 am)
- **Executive Committee** (Tuesday, November 22, 7:00 pm, following minyan)
- **Board of Directors** (Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 pm, following minyan)

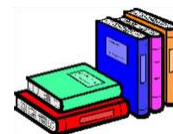


## Kashrus Alerts

- **Candy Jackpot/Kidsmania - Bubble Gum** (in plastic slot machine) - This bubble gum machine bears an unauthorized OU sticker, and is being withdrawn from the marketplace.

## 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.
- **Buy a Brick Online or by Phone** - 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.
- **Donate a Book** - Did you know you can purchase a Siddur, Chumash, or other prayer books or study books for NHBZ as a tribute? Contact the office for details.
- **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 Cash Cards; call Scrip and Cash Card Mavens Janet Haber at 567-7406 or Bert Zakroff at 220-0674 for details.
- **Buy Cash Cards for Chanukah** – Yes, that's right; Cash Cards make great Chanukah Gift Cards!
- **Capital Campaign** – Like the new building more than you thought you would? Please feel free to add to your Capital Campaign pledge; or, if you haven't made one, do it now; the building will appreciate it.
- **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.



# ***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 Vayeira

November 12, 2011

15 Cheshvan, 5772

## **Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates**



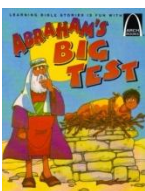
Life has not always been wonderful for Dr. Gabriel Ethan Feldman. He has been bankrupt, unemployed and penniless. He has been forced to move back to his mother's house.

But Dr. Feldman has always had a strong sense of right and wrong, inculcated in him by his father, Irwin, a rabbi; his mother, Bernice, the daughter of a doctor who made \$2 house calls; and Frank Capra movies. His determination to do the right thing paid off earlier this month when under the federal whistle-blower law, he was awarded \$14.7 million from a \$70 million settlement in a Medicaid fraud case against New York City. Dr. Feldman and the Justice Department said New York was improperly assigning home health care.

"Movies like 'Mr. Smith Goes to Washington' made a very big impact on me," Dr. Feldman said. "That's why I came forward." He is a longtime do-gooder. As an undergraduate at Brandeis University, he handed out anti-smoking kits at parties. Dr. Feldman's mother, Bernice, said she was proud of her son. "He is just a wonderful person," Mrs. Feldman said. "My three sons, they are the soul of integrity." But she could not resist adding her hopes for her now richer son: "I hope he can find a Jewish wife who is caring and wonderful and observes Passover. If she observes Passover, then I don't have to ask any other questions."

Proverbs (10:9) says: "The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out." Ask Mrs. Feldman: Integrity is a priceless commodity.

## **Parshas Vayeira – Genesis 18:1 – 21:24**



The parsha begins with Abraham's incredible display of chesed (kindness) to three angels who appear as men. This, despite his extreme discomfort from his recent bris milah (circumcision). The angels declare that Sarah will give birth to her first child at the age of 90, when Abraham himself would be 100. Later, Abraham pleads to G-d on behalf of the cities of Sodom and Gemorrah. However, the cities are soon destroyed,

but not before the angels save Abraham's nephew Lot and his family from destruction.

Later the parsha describes how Sarah is abducted by Avimelech, the king of Gerar, who did not realize she was married. G-d responds by striking him with a plague which prevents him from touching her. Sarah conceives and gives birth to Isaac, and Abraham makes a huge celebration. Sarah sees Ishmael (Abraham's son from Hagar) as a menace to her own son's spiritual well-being and asks Abraham to expel Ishmael and Hagar. The Torah portion concludes with the Akeidah, Abraham's tenth and final test, in which he shows his willingness to comply with G-d's command to bring his beloved son Isaac as a sacrifice.

## **Rabbinic Ruminations**



Time can "drag" and time can "fly." People strive to "save time" and then strive to "kill time." People complain of "having time on their hands," and "of not having a minute to themselves." The mind can do funny things to our perception of time. Just ask French cave expert Michel Siffre.

In 1962 Siffre, whose work helped found the field of human chronobiology, went to live in a cave that was completely isolated from mechanical clocks and natural light. Sleeping and eating only when his body told him to, his goal was to discover how the natural rhythms of human life would be affected by living "beyond time." Siffre soon began to experience a huge change in his perception of time. It took him five minutes to count from 1 to 120. In Siffre's words, "I psychologically experienced five real minutes as though they were two." After emerging from the cave he guessed the trip had lasted 34 days. He'd actually been isolated for 59 days.

Our mistaken perceptions of the world around us derive from our subjective selves. Ask a person for assistance, and he may say he has no time. Again, ask him for a donation to a charitable cause, and perhaps he'll answer that he has no money, but will be glad to contribute his time! "Repent one day before your death," Ethics of the Fathers teaches. Does a person know which day he will die? All the more reason to repent today and live our lives

cherishing the blessing of time. Appreciate time and use every moment for the important purposes of life.

### Quote of the Week

“Basically my wife was immature. I'd be at home in the bath and she'd come in and sink my boats.”

-- Woody Allen



### Joke of the Week

A patient walks into a dermatologist's office asking for help. "I think I'm a moth."

The dermatologist says, "You don't need a dermatologist, you need a psychiatrist."

The patient says, "Yes, I know. That's what people keep telling me."

The doctor asks, "Well, if you know you need a psychiatrist, why did you come in here?"

The patient answers, "Well your light was on..."



### NHBZ Semi-Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers

**Sunday, November 20, 10:00 am**

We encourage all members to attend

#### Meeting: Reports and Discussions

Review last year's accomplishments

Take a peek into the future

Express your satisfaction (or not)

Have a say in the future direction of NHBZ

#### Election of 2012 Officers and Board of Directors

Presentation of slate of officers & board members

Call for additional nominations from the floor

**VOTE for (or against) next year's officers & board**

Haven't helped yet? We're offering another chance:

### **Old Building Cleanup Day**

*Sunday, November 13. 9:00 am)*

Help clean up the old building!

Throw away trash!

Find souvenirs and keepsakes!

### **Monument Dedication For**

### **Harry Freistein**

Sunday November 20, 2011, 1:00 pm

Chevra Kadisha Cemetery, Page & North and South

### **St. Louis Kollel Raffle Grand Prize \$10,000**

Tickets are \$100 • 2 for \$180 • 3 for \$250 • 4 for \$360

Drawing will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup>

Call 314-726-6047



## **Shabbat**

**Shabbos, November 12**

**Two great options:**

**Regular Shabbos services begin at 8:30 am**

**Learner's Service begins at 10:00 am**

**Plus Childcare at 10:00 am**

**Followed by:**

**These break-out sessions at 11:00 am:**

- Israel and the Book of Genesis  
**Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
- Israel advocacy 101, or How to Talk About Israel Around the Water Cooler  
**Karen Aroesty, Regional Director ADL**
- Boycotts, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) Movement against Israel  
**Richard Wolf, NHBZ**
- Keeping a Healthy Brain and a Healthy Mind  
**Steve Miskovic, MSW, Director Memory Care Solutions**
- Tot Shabbat (10:00 am – Noon)  
**Georgia Laird, NHBZ**

**Following Synaplex Sessions,  
enjoy lunch with us at Noon  
in honor of October & November  
Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries**

**Cash Cards – Schnucks Cards . . .  
You know what to do!**

Mazel Tov  
 On Simchas in October & November!  
 \* Simchas this week Nov 12-18

# Happy Birthday

Lewis Schucart  
 Leib Smason  
 Mikhail Epshteyn  
 Polina Golynskiy  
 Murray Baker  
 Khasya Epshteyn  
 Gloria Waxman  
 Lawrence Hollander  
 Jeff Baker  
 Rabbi Aaron Borow  
 Rayna Chervitz  
 Julia Weinhaus  
 Sam Lyss  
 \* Joey Mufson  
 \* Kenny Bressler  
 Faith Comensky  
 Rachel Pollock  
 Nancy Benson

Robert Abrams  
 Susan Feigenbaum  
 Ina Makovsky  
 Michelle Mufson  
 Ruth Katz  
 Norma Appelman  
 Robin Rickerman  
 Perry Mendelson  
 Naama Sudin  
 Carl Sussman  
 Mazal Moria  
 Miriam Kapelus  
 \* Nathan Laird  
 \* Jordan Marbain  
 Georgia Laird  
 Sally Tofle  
 Carly Eisenberg  
 Shirley Hollander

# Happy Anniversary

Jonathan & Naomi Shanker  
 Mike & Batya Elbaz  
 Larry & Faith Comensky  
 Gary & Nancy Benson  
 Ephraim & Michelle Mufson  
 Leonard & Fran Alper  
 Irwin & Rosalind Rosen

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



## Rabbi Ride-Around

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Smason on successfully cycling 50 miles! To those who pledged to support the ride -- thank you. To others -- please consider sending a donation of any amount in support of Rabbi Smason's ride. Your tax-deductible donation can be sent to:

**Nusach Hari B'nai Zion**  
 650 North Price Road, St. Louis, MO 63132

## MinyanMan Tip # 6

If you are sick or can't attend minyan at the last minute, please call so we will know not to expect you that day, and we can try to find a replacement

Howard Sandler (409-7266)  
 Rabbi Smason (749-5271)  
 or the Svnnaoague Office (991-2100)

## NHBZ 106<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Sunday, December 18, 2010.

We are proud to present our Honorees for 2011  
**Menachem & Linda Szus, and**  
**Woman of Valor Phyllis Silverman**

**Menachem Szus** has been the dedicated chairman of our Relocation Committee, and the driving force behind the Capital Campaign. **Linda Szus** is the perfect help-mate, lending her support and love, making Menachem's work possible. **Phyllis Silverman** is first in line to volunteer for everything from KP ("Kiddush Patrol") to leading, with her husband Sid, our Honey & Chanukah Candles projects. It is with great pleasure that we give well-deserved *kovod* (honor) to these wonderful people.

Last year we created an elegant evening to bid a fond farewell to our old building as we prepared to move into our new one. **Well, here we are!!!**

Please join us to celebrate our 106th Anniversary and the Re-dedication of our new building. Please return your dinner reservation card and Ad Journal order form.

Help make this a memorable evening for our honorees, and a memorable journal through your personal messages, photos, business ads, and greetings to our honorees, **Menachem & Linda Szus** and **Phyllis Silverman**.



## ISRAEL CORNER

Did you know:



Despite being one of the world's smallest countries, which can fit into the state of Florida 8 times, Israel has the 3rd largest number of companies listed on the NASDAQ Stock Market behind only the United States and China.

## **NHBZ Shul Tributes, November, 2011**

### **IN MEMORY OF**

Richard Carey  
Howard Sandler  
Goldie Jackaway  
Lenny & Fran Alper, Caryn, Joanna  
Irv Figus  
Lenny & Fran Alper, Caryn, Joanna  
Harry Freistein  
Bruce & Faith Waxman  
Martin Goldstein  
Bruce & Faith Waxman  
Julian Levin  
Jackie Smason  
Brother of Larry & Rayna Chervitz  
Irwin & Roz Rosen  
Sybil Goffstein  
Ruth Tegman  
Ivan & Peggy Rothman

### **IN HONOR OF**

Marriage of David & Norma Rubin  
Mayer Taller  
Birthday of Howard Sandler  
Irwin & Roz Rosen  
Lenny & Fran Alper, Caryn, Joanna  
Rabbi Ze'ev Smason Speaking  
at Crown Center  
The Staff at Crown Center  
Marriage of Dana & Eli Sutton  
Lionel & Eleanor Kaiser  
Bob & Sandie Abrams

Robin Rickerman  
Morris & Estelle Kram  
Mayer Taller  
Lenny & Fran Alper, Caryn, Joanna  
Evelyn Marbain  
Dina Heit  
Lenny & Fran Alper, Caryn, Joanna  
Anniversary of Bob & Sandie Abrams  
Alan & Janet Haber  
90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Flora Garfield  
Lenny & Fran Alper, Caryn, Joanna  
Rabbi Ze'ev & Chani Smason  
moving to a new home  
Morris & Estelle Kram  
Sylvia Tessler  
Birthday of Jackie Berkin  
Dr. Jay Pepose &  
Dr. Susan Feiginbaum  
Birthday of Helene Mirowitz  
Joyce Kabak  
Birthday of Pearl Borow &  
Shana Tova to the Borow Family  
Les & Pearl Figus  
Engagement of Dini Schuman,  
daughter of Dr. Ethan & Debby  
Schuman  
to Michael Klein  
Bob & Sandie Abrams  
Bob & Joni Kaiser  
Hospitality of Bob & Joni Kaiser  
Matthew & Estelle Burman

Anniversary of Irwin & Roz Rosen  
Mayer Taller  
Anniversary of Fran & Lenny Alper  
Mayer Taller

### **A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO**

Ted Pevnick  
Mayer Taller  
Dr. Jay Pepose &  
Dr. Susan Feiginbaum  
Sylvia Tessler  
Lil Simpson  
Ina Makovsky  
Jerry & Frances Cohen  
Dr. Richard Bluestein  
Dr. Ethan & Debby Schuman  
Sheryl Levine  
Howard Sandler

### **GOOD HEALTH TO**

Ted Pevnick  
Ruth Alper  
Robin Rickerman  
Lenny & Fran Alper, Caryn, Joanna  
Kurt Kahn  
Lenny & Fran Alper, Caryn, Joanna  
Roslyn Litwin  
Lenny & Fran Alper, Caryn, Joanna  
Elliott Alper  
Lenny & Fran Alper, Caryn, Joanna

## **NHBZ Libby Needle Fund Tributes, November, 2011**

**IN MEMORY OF** Meira Riemer by Alan and Vivian Zarkowsky

## **NHBZ Sisterhood Tributes, November, 2011**

### **IN HONOR OF**

Friendship of Ruth Alper  
Marilyn Schechter  
Friendship of Esther Gelb  
Marilyn Schechter  
Friendship of Rachael Pevnick  
Marilyn Schechter  
Birthday of Jackie Berkin  
Bertha Berman  
Kindness of Menachem & Linda Szus  
Milton Tofle  
Birthday of Leo Bressler  
Craig & Jackie Berkin  
Anniversary of Lenny & Fran Alper  
Esther Gelb  
New grandson Noah of  
Drs. Selwyn & Linda Picker  
Esther Levine  
Marriage of daughter of  
Fabian & Francine Attoun  
Cary & Aaron Bernstein  
Bertha Berman

Esther Kalina  
Esther Levine  
Birthday of Mary Kapelus  
Bertha Berman  
Esther Kalina  
Esther Levine  
Birthday of Gloria Waxman  
Bertha Berman  
Esther Kalina  
Esther Levine  
Birthday of Shirley Kranzberg  
Esther Gelb

### **A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO**

Irv Mestman  
Bertha, Harold, Joyce Berman  
Sylvia Tessler  
Bertha Berman  
Lori Laird  
Bertha Berman  
Sheryl Levine  
Craig & Jackie Berkin

### **IN MEMORY OF**

Bunny, sister of Dorothy Kaplan  
Esther Gelb  
Mother of Mr. & Mrs Barry Lasky  
Craig & Jackie Berkin  
Mother of Mr. & Mrs Sheldon Pessin  
Craig & Jackie Berkin  
Mother of Rabbi Larry Glestein  
Craig & Jackie Berkin  
Eric & Jennifer (Berkin) Horn  
Rabbi Heath & Devorah Berkin  
Sybil Goffstein  
Craig & Jackie Berkin  
Esther Levine  
Grandmother of Angie Offstein  
Bertha, Harold, Joyce Berman