

NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

November 26, 2011

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

29 Cheshvan, 5771

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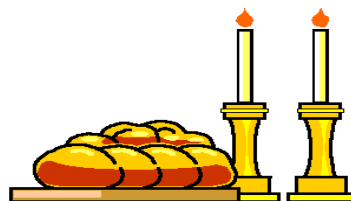
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Welcome to Rabbi Yonason Goldson

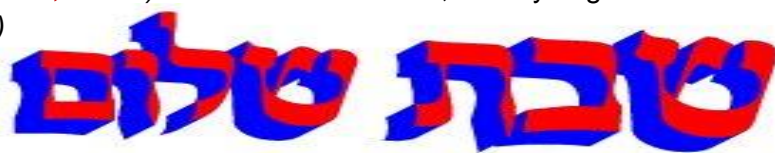
Erev Shabbos - Friday, November 25

- **Mincha & Maariv** (4:20 pm)
- **Candle Lighting** (4:24 pm)



Shabbos - Saturday, November 26

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:
 - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
 - Shacharis: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
 - Leyning: **Michael Shapiro**
 - Haftorah: **Alan Haber**
 - Sermon: **Rabbi Yonason Goldson**
 - Musaf: **Dr. Ethan Schuman**
- **Learners Service** (resumes next week, Dec 3, 10:15 am) – Led by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**, in the Chapel.
- **Kiddush** (following Musaf) – Thanks to **'POP-Stars' Irwin & Roz Rosen** for sponsoring this bulletin and soda today in honor of their children & granddaughter, **Shea, Susan & Luna Rosen** visiting from California.
- **Shabbos Study Group** (3:35 pm) - Studies in Tanach, led by **Menachem Szus**; everyone at any level of learning is welcome; now studying Yeshayahu (Isaiah).
- **Boys' Mishna Study Group** (resumes next week, Dec 3) - With **Rabbi Smason**, for boys ages 10-17.
- **Mincha/Shalosh Seudos/Ma'ariv** (4:05 pm)
- **Shabbos Concludes** (5:27 pm)



This Week

Davening Times	Shabbos Nov 26	Sun. Nov 27	Mon. Nov 28	Tues. Nov 29	Wed. Nov 30	Thur. Dec 1	Fri. Dec 2	Shabbos Dec 3
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	4:05 pm	4:20 pm	4:20 pm	-	-	-	4:20 pm	4:05 pm
Ma'ariv Only	-	-	-	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	-	-

- **Sunday Learning** (Nov 27, 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 10:00 am, **ON RECESS, will resume Dec 4**) - with **Rabbi Smason**, for young men and women; at Starbucks at Olive & Price; with complimentary drinks to all participants!
- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** (Wednesday, Nov 30, 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 **Monday, November 28 and Wednesday, December 14**; 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.
- **Toys for Chanukah Drive is Starting Now** – bring your new, UN-wrapped toys to the office now.
- **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!

Coming Events

- **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 – New Date** (Sunday, Dec 11, 6:00 pm) – Enjoy dinner and then play cards or watch the movie "Voyage of the Damned", which tells the story of Jews who were refused entry into the United States during World War II; dinner menu: corned beef sandwich with all the trimmings; all this for only \$6.00; call **Ruth Alper** at 314-569-2877 for reservations.
- **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!!!
- **Carryout Pizza Night** (Wednesday, Dec. 7)

Meetings

- **Board of Directors** (Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 pm, following minyan)
- **Executive Committee** (Tuesday, December 27, 7:00 pm, following minyan)
- **Sisterhood** - will not have meetings during the winter months of December, January and February, and will resume in March when the weather is more predictable!



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.
- **Tributes** - Show your friends you care; a tribute is a donation in honor of a birth, a birthday, an anniversary, a healthy recovery, or in memory of a loved one, or for any reason to show you care; tributes will be listed in this bulletin every 6-8 weeks.
 - For a Shul tribute, call Gloria Waxman at 314-872-3296
 - For a Sisterhood tribute, call Phyllis Silverman at 314-434-2482
 - For Libby Needle Fund, call Sally Needle at 314-991-2575
- **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!
NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT CARDS for some Cash Cards – see flyer in lobby!
- **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 Toldos

November 26, 2011

29 Cheshvan, 5772

Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates



The term "bird brain" is often used in reference to intellectually challenged individuals. This is, of course, based on the notion that birds are dim-witted creatures. However, in recent years it has become clear that we have grossly underestimated the cognitive abilities of our fine-feathered friends.

"Clark's nutcracker" is a bird that displays an extremely accurate spatial memory. It is known to store approximately 100,000 pinyon nuts in 20,000-30,000 separate caches, which can be recovered up to 9 months later. If Western scrub-jays become aware that they have been observed by a competitor while storing their food, they re-hide the cache so that the other bird loses track of where it is. Members of a crow population in Sendai City, Japan have devised an ingenious way to break open nuts: They perch over pedestrian crossings and drop the nuts in the path of oncoming cars. When the light turns red, they swoop down and collect the contents.

There is much we can learn from the world of birds. From parrots: If you go around repeating everything you hear you may seem cute but you are actually embarrassing yourself. From owls: If you can't see a situation clearly twist your head around for a wider point of view. From flamingos: what you eat is what makes you orange or white, so watch out for that junk food!

Parshas Toldos - Genesis 25:19 – 28: 9



Isaac and Rebecca pray to G-d for a child. Rebecca finally conceives, and after a difficult pregnancy she gives birth to twins -- Esau and Jacob. Their personality differences soon grow apparent, as Esau turns to hunting while Jacob is pure and wholesome, spending his time studying Torah. Returning from a hunting expedition, Esau finds Jacob cooking a pot of lentil soup. Jacob agrees to give his older brother a portion from the pot of soup in exchange for the spiritual birthright.

Faced with a severe famine, Isaac and family settle in Gerar (the land of the Philistines within Israel's borders) rather than descend to Egypt as his father Abraham had done years before. After experiencing

astonishing financial success, Isaac comes into continual conflict with King Avimelech over the wells which Isaac dug anew. This pattern of 'success and persecution' has repeated itself throughout Jewish history. Isaac decides to bless Esau as the firstborn. At Rebecca's insistence, Jacob disguises himself as his older brother and receives the blessing of the firstborn (which rightfully belonged to him). The Torah portion concludes with Jacob fleeing from Esau's wrath for 'stealing' his blessing and escaping to Charan to stay with his uncle, Laban, where he is to find a wife.

Rabbinic Ruminations



Common usage of the word 'plagiarism' implies a deliberate purloining of someone's language, thoughts, ideas or expressions, and claiming them as your own. But when is plagiarism not plagiarism - but is really still plagiarism? When it is cryptomnesia. Cryptomnesia, literally, *hidden memory*, is a term used to explain the origin of experiences that people believe to be original but which are actually based on memories of events they've forgotten.

"My Sweet Lord" was a # 1 hit song written in 1970 by former Beatles lead guitarist George Harrison. Following the song's release, musical similarities between "My Sweet Lord" and the Chiffons' hit "He's So Fine" (remember do-lang do-lang do-lang?) led to a prolonged copyright infringement suit. In 1976, a U.S. district court decision found that Harrison had "subconsciously" copied the earlier song, and in 1981 the court decided the damages amounted to almost \$1.6 million. The judge was convinced that Harrison did not consciously set out to plagiarize the melody of "He's So Fine" for his own use; nevertheless, the former Beatle's cryptomnesia was not a defense since the Copyright law did not require an 'intent to infringe' to support a finding of infringement.

In the Talmud we are told that an unborn child is taught the whole Torah in the womb. An angel teaches him all the mysteries of Creation and all that he will ever need to know in order to reach perfection. As the child is born, however, the angel taps him on the mouth and he forgets all that he has learned. The obvious question is: why teach a child so much and then cause all the teaching to be forgotten? The

answer is that it is not forgotten; it is driven deep into the subconscious. Beneath the conscious surface, intact and rich beyond imagination, is all that we need to know. A lifetime of hard work to retrieve that spiritual wisdom is required. But the inspiration is within us.

Quote of the Week

“There are seven things that will destroy us: Wealth without work; Pleasure without conscience; Knowledge without character; Religion without sacrifice; Politics without principle; Science without humanity; Business without ethics.” - Mahatma Gandhi



Izzy, a little old man, gets onto a crowded bus in Brooklyn and stands in front of a seated young boy. Holding his hand to his chest, Izzy says to the boy, "If you knew what I have, you would give me your seat."

The boy gets up and gives up the seat to Izzy. A short while later, Izzy gets up and says to the bus driver, "Stop, I want to get off here."

The bus driver tells him he has to drop him at the next bus stop, not in the middle of the road. His hand across his chest, Izzy tells the driver, "If you knew what I have, you would let me out here."

The bus driver pulls over and lets Izzy out. As he's walking out of the bus, the driver asks, "Sir, what is it that you have?"



OYVEY!

"Chutzpah," Izzy replies.

Joke of the Week



Congratulations To NHBZ Newly Elected Officers

- President - Janet Haber*
- Vice President - Robin Rickerman*
- Vice President - Trudy Sudin*
- Treasurer - Gary Sudin*
- Secretary - Bobby Levine*
- Gabbai - Mayer Taller*

and **Board of Directors**

Term Through 2012

- Fran Alper*
- Larry Chervitz*
- Les Sabol*
- Phyllis Silverman*

Term Through 2013

- Francine Attoun*
- Esther Gelb*
- Fran Reisler*
- Bert Zakroff*

Term Through 2014

- Kenny Bressler*
- Don Eisenberg*
- Sandy Kahn*
- Rich Woolf*

MinyanMan Tip # 7

If somebody calls you to take his place or to switch days with him, please try to accom-modate him.

- Howard Sandler (409-7266)
- Rabbi Smason (749-5271)
- Synagogue Office (991-2100)

Mazel Tov
On Simchas This Week
November 26 - December 2

Happy Birthday

- Nancy Benson**
- Shirley Hollander**
- David Reisler**
- Gail Rose**
- Menachem Szus**

Happy Anniversary
None this week

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



We need YOU to attend minyan now thru Tuesday in addition to your usual times; many regulars are out of town and we are saying Kaddish for numerous people.

Please Help

St. Louis Torah MiTzion Kollel
Gala 9th Anniversary Dinner
 8 pm Saturday, December 3, 2011

Honoring
 our visionary founder and first *Rosh Kollel*
Rav Boaz Genut
and our current shlichim
Assi & Gilat Gastfraind and
Boaz & Yael Shachak

RSVP for the dinner by **Nov 27th**
 By email at <http://www.torahmitzion.org/stlouis> or
 by paper mail: St. Louis Torah MiTzion Kollel,
 7741 Gannon, St. Louis, MO 63130



Tired of Turkey Leftovers?
PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA
at NHBZ!!!

Lion's Den DINE- IN Pizza Night
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 !!
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**All-You-Can-Eat Buffet of Pizza, Pasta,
 Garlic Bread & Salad plus Dessert & Beverage**

Kids 3 & under FREE Kids 4-10: \$6.00
Adults: \$10.00

NEXT CARRY-OUT NIGHT IS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Chanukah is coming! On Pizza Night, **Mimi Fiszel** will be selling toys, menorahs, gift wrap and more! **Mimi** will donate a good part of her income back to NHBZ, so enjoy our pizza night and buy some Chanukah gifts and wrapping paper. Good prices and money for our shull!!!

Additions and Corrections We regret that the following was omitted from last week's bulletin:

Thanks to **Irwin & Roz Rosen and Marvin & Jackie Gitel** for sponsoring Shalosh Seudos last Shabbos in memory of their beloved father, **William Rosen**

Smason Family Vacation

Rabbi Smason and family will be out of town now through Tuesday, November 29. On Shabbos, Nov 26, Rabbi Yonason Goldson will give the drasha, and there will be no Learner's Service that day.

SPONSOR MISHNA STUDY
FOR A LOVED ONE

Learning Mishnayot in memory of a loved one, or for a Refuah Sheleima for a sick person, is an age-old Jewish Tradition. The word Mishna (learning) is closely related to the word Neshama (soul), and we believe that learning Mishnayot in someone's name acts as a Spiritual Elevation for that person or that person's soul.

Our Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Mishnayot Shiur, which learns every Sunday following morning minyan, is carrying on this tradition by dedicating the Mishnayos to those in whose names the Mishnayos will be learned.

You may sponsor Mishnayot Learning:

- Dedicate Mishnayot for 1 year: \$250
- Dedicate Mishnayot for 6 months: \$150
- Dedicate Mishnayot for 3 months: \$96
- Dedicate Mishnayot for 1 month: \$50

May your loved one be bound up in the bond of eternal life.

May HaShem be filled with compassion to restore the health of your loved one.

NHBZ Chanukah Helpers!!!

TOYS FOR CHANUKAH



It's time to shop
 for the kids
 in our community!

TOYS & GAMES
 for all age children



Please bring your **UN-wrapped,**
BRAND NEW gifts to our office by
Friday, December 16

Help the needy children
 in St. Louis have a
very happy Chanukah!



First Candle of Chanukah · Tues. night, Dec. 20

Nusach Hari B'nai Zion **106th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET**

Sunday, December 18, 2010.

We are proud to present our 2011 Honorees

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. Over the years, **Linda Szus** has maintained a very active presence at our shul. She was engaged in organizing the Lunch & Learn program, a myriad of programs for children, and coordinating the activities of the Chesed Committee.

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. The celebration will include a Lavish Buffet Dinner and a "Great American Music Tribute", a musical variety show by Sound Unlimited, featuring music from Gershwin to Jewish Favorites and Tony Bennett to Elvis!

Please place an ad in our Commemorative Journal. **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.**

Please return your dinner reservation card and Ad Journal order form now!

Pre-paid Cash-Card Program

*Do you buy prescriptions?
Do you buy them at Walgreens or CVS?
Do you buy them monthly?*

Well! We have a deal for you!

You can use a pre-paid cash-card for your purchases and earn money for NHBZ!

For example, if you spend \$25 per month at Walgreens or CVS for one year, you will earn \$24 (8% of your purchase) for NHBZ. If you spend \$50 per month for one year, you will earn \$48 for NHBZ.

If 25 people do this,

we will earn \$1200 for NHBZ!

There are dozens of stores to choose from, and each one will donate a percentage of your purchase to NHBZ - some of them up to **25%**!

And it costs you nothing!

We order cards on the 15th and 30th of each month. Detailed information is available at www.nhbz.org.

Don't hesitate to call if you have questions
Janet Haber 314-567-7406 or
Bert Zakroff 413-220-0674

ISRAEL CORNER

Jerusalem is the only city in the world with ancient sites that are holy to Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Israel safeguards free access to holy places and each religious group's right to administer its own holy sites.

