

# Dawn of a New Era Commemorative Edition

## NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin

September 3, 2011

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

4 Elul, 5771

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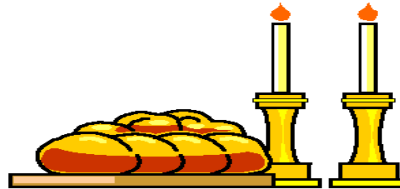
Deuteronomy 16:18 – 21:9  
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Thanks to Jack Maram for donating the printing of this full color edition of the NHBZ Shabbos Bulletin to commemorate the first Shabbos in our new shul.

### Erev Shabbos - Friday, September 2

- **Mincha & Maariv** (7:00 pm)
- **Candle Lighting** (7:12 pm)



### Shabbos - Saturday, September 3

- **Shachris & Musaf** (9:00 am) - Thank you for leading services:
  - Pesukei D'Zimra: **Howard Sandler**
  - Shacharis: **Ethan Schuman**
  - Leyning: **Michael Shapiro**
  - Haftorah: **Fabian Attoun**
  - Sermon: **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
  - Musaf: **Ethan Schuman**
- **Learners Service** (resumes after High Holidays).
- **Girls Jr. Congregation** (10:30 am) - Girls Jr. Congregation and younger children meet somewhere in the NEW BUILDING with **Nina Levine** and **Georgia Laird**.
- **Kiddush** (following Musaf) - Thanks to **Rich & Mindy Woolf** for sponsoring a cake today to WELCOME EVERYONE TO THE FIRST SHABBOS IN OUR NEW HOME!!!
- **Shabbos Study Group** (6:10 pm) - Studies in Tanach, led by **Menachem Szus**; everyone at any level of learning is welcome; now studying Yeshayahu (Isaiah).
- **Boys' Mishna Study Group** (6:25 pm) - With **Rabbi Smason**, for boys ages 10-17.
- **Mincha/Shalosh Seudos/Ma'ariv** (6:50 pm)
- **Shabbos Concludes** (8:13 pm)



### This Week

Davening Times	Shabbos Sept 3	Sun. Sept 4	Mon. Sept 5	Tues. Sept 6	Wed. Sept 7	Thur. Sept 8	Fri. Sept 9	Shabbos* Sept 10
Shachris	9:00 am	8:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	8:30 am
Mincha/Maariv	6:50 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	6:40 pm

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- **Sunday Learning** (Sunday September 4 following Shachris) - **Rabbi Chanan Swidler** of Aish HaTorah leads Mishna study for men following Sunday morning services; davening at 8:00 am.
- **2011 NHBZ Golf Shootout** (Sunday, Sept 4) – Normandie Golf Club, see picture ad for details.

- **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group** (First Tuesday, September 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!!!
- **RAP with the RABBI Teen Group** – is on vacation and will resume Sunday, September 11, 10:00 am at Starbucks.
- **HELP!!** – Tuesday through Friday this week, Sandie and William will continue packing and **start moving and unpacking!** Thanks to those who volunteered their valuable time!!! See picture ad. Surely these few people are not enough to pack and move all our stuff - **they need your help, too;** Call the office to volunteer; if you don't have time to call, **JUST SHOW UP!!!**
- **Rabbi Smason's Lunch & Learn** (resumes Wednesday, September 14) - 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.
- **Buy and Use Cash Cards and Kohn's Scrip** (Monday – Friday) - Next Cash-card Order Days are **Thursday September 15 and Monday October 3;** earn free money for NHBZ; order your cards this week; Kohn's Scrip is temporarily sold out.

## Coming Events

- **SYNAPLEX Shabbat** (September 10) - IN THE NEW BUILDING; see picture ad for details.
- **Can We Talk? Israel, How Do We Hear One Another** (Tues., Sept. 20, 7 pm) – panel discussion featuring Rabbi Ze'ev Smason; see picture ad for details.
- **Morris Lengua Yiddish Club** (First Thursday, October 6, 7:30 pm) - Join us for a spirited hour filled with Yiddish stories, songs and laughter; seasoned "mavens" as well as novices are welcome – IN THE NEW BUILDING.
- **Carry-Out Pizza Night** (To be announced)
- **Irvin Alper Social Club** (Usually First Sunday, date to be announced) - IN THE NEW BUILDING; see picture ad for details.
- **Dine-in Pizza Night** (To be announced)

## Meetings

- **Design Team** (Tuesday, September 6, 7:30 pm following minyan)
- **Board of Directors** (Tuesday, September 13, 7:30 pm following minyan)



## Kasherus Alert

- **Deans Sour Cream** – bears an unauthorized OV-D symbol on the label; this product is NOT certified by the OV, and corrective measures are being taken.

## 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.
- **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.
- **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 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, 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 Shoftim

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## **Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates**



In New Zealand over 1,700 admirers and invited visitors attended his farewell party. Participants were encouraged to wear their best black and white gear to bid adieu to Happy Feet, the wayward emperor penguin who washed up sick and starving on a beach almost 2,000 miles from his Antarctic home. Happy Feet was taken to Wellington Zoo where he was nursed back to health after mistakenly eating 7 pounds of sand he mistook for snow. The penguin underwent a series of lifesaving operations to remove sand, sticks and stones from his stomach. He was fed a diet of fish 'milkshakes' in an air-conditioned room. A web camera (are penguin feet webbed?) set up at the zoo attracted about a quarter of a million viewers -- despite the penguin doing little more than eating, sleeping and waddling. For his trip home, vets placed Happy Feet in a custom-made crate for the journey. He was kept cool with 60 buckets of ice and fed fish as he made his way to a return to the wild.

Happy Feet was treated like a king -- or certainly, like a distinguished emperor (penguin). How do you treat strangers and visitors of the human variety? It's been said that the ornaments of your house will be the guests that frequent it, an idea certainly true from the Torah perspective. Who can forget the story of an aged Abraham, on the third day following his circumcision, running in the heat of the day from his tent to greet guests? Abraham and Sarah provided their three visitors with a fabulous meal, and undoubtedly repeated this example of hospitality numerous times. Let every visitor to your home be treated like a king -- or at least, like a wayward emperor (penguin).

## **Parshas Shoftim – Deuteronomy 16:18 – 21:9**



Moses proceeds to review the regulations necessary for a civilized society. Local judges and officers were to be appointed in every city, and justice was to be administered righteously and impartially. A bribe of even an insignificant sum is forbidden. The Sanhedrin -- the

Jewish High Court of seventy one judges -- is to make Torah-based binding decisions on new situations to prevent the fragmentation of the Jewish people.

When the Jewish people request a king, the king was not to misuse his power to amass many horses, maintain a harem nor accumulate great wealth. To order his priorities and not become haughty he should write a copy of the Torah and carry it with him. When the Jewish people had righteous kings such as David and Solomon, it was a blessing. When we had wicked kings such as Jereboam and Ahav, it was a curse.

The nation's conduct in war is mentioned. The Jewish people are told not to be afraid of the enemy, not to destroy any fruit trees in battle, and that they should first give the enemy a chance to make peace. The portion also forbids all forms of superstition and 'magic' practiced by the soothsayer. We have no need for such tricks because of our true prophets and faith in G-d. The Jewish people are promised by G-d that He will send prophets to guide them, and Moses explains how a genuine prophet may be distinguished from a false one.

## **Rabbinic Ruminations**



Comedienne Phyllis Diller said, "A smile is a curve that sets everything straight." Based upon a recent study, smiling behavior in photographs may very well set straight a person's future success in life and in marriage. Women's yearbook pictures from an elite institution were examined to determine the intensity of female students' smiles in their senior yearbook photo. It was discovered that the more intense the subject's positive expression shown in her picture, the more likely that she would be married by age 27 and would have a more satisfying marriage in adulthood. Furthermore, she was more likely to be more organized, content, nurturing, compassionate, and sociable than women with less intense smiles.

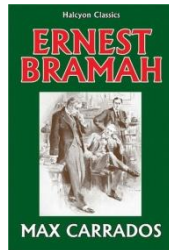
Psychologists suggest that facial expressions play a key role in forecasting our life outcomes. While not necessarily disagreeing with the above study, the Torah emphasizes the effect our smile may have

upon another person. In Pirkei Avos (1:15) we learn, "Shamai taught, 'Greet every person with a smiling and warm face!' " One's negative demeanor can be contagious, causing others to be infected with the germ of depression. A smile is a sign that you care about someone. Often, the emotional need to feel wanted is more powerful than physical hunger or thirst. If you give your friend all the gifts in the world with a sour face, it's as if you've given him nothing. But one who receives his friend with a cheerful face, even if he has given him nothing else, has given him the greatest gift in the world.

A smile is a universal welcome; it's good for our short term health and long term success in life, and can brighten even the darkest day of another person.

**Quote of the Week**

"A reputation for a thousand years may depend upon the conduct of a single moment" -- Ernest Bramah, English author 1868 - 1942



**Joke of the Week**

Yankel and Chaim were on their way to a vacation in Hawaii, and got into an argument about the correct pronunciation of Hawaii. Yankel was sure it was 'Hawaii', but Chaim maintained that it was 'Havaii.' To resolve the dispute, they decided to ask the first native they came across after their plane landed. Shortly after picking up their bags in the airport, they approached a tall, brown-skinned man. Yankel and Chaim said, 'Good afternoon, Sir. We're tourists from Brooklyn, New York. My name is Yankel, and my friend's name is Chaim.'

"Welcome to the Islands," the man said. "My name is Kamaka'eha Waiwai'ole."

Excited to meet a native, Chaim blurted out, "Would you mind telling us the name of your state?"

"Havaii!," the man replied.

"Thanks," answered Chaim.

"You've Velcome," said the native.



OY WEY!

**Mazel Tov**  
**On Simchas this week!**  
**September 3 - 9, 2011**

**Happy Birthday**

Howard Sandler    Herman Drifon  
 Betty Parker      Dorothy Kissel

**Happy Anniversary**

Joel & Susan Manesberg  
 Alex & Dena Perez

*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

**Irvin Alper Social Club**  
 (Date to be announced)  
**3:00 Bingo - 5:00 Dinner - 6:00 Movie & Cards**  
 All for only \$7.00 - Reservations are a must  
 call Ruth Alper 569-2877

**TRIBUTES**

for August & September will be listed in the  
 Sept 10 bulletin for Synaplex Shabbos, so send  
 in your tributes

**NOW**

Thanks to the **PACKING MAVENS** who  
 have helped pack in preparation for moving –  
**Andy Abrams, Bob Abrams, Fran & Lenny  
 Alper, Francine & Fabian Attoun, Jessica  
 Fadem, Robin Rickerman, Irwin Rosen and  
 Trudy Sudin**

We are moving **THIS WEEK!** We need help from everyone **NOW** for packing and unpacking, so please call the office to volunteer – 991-2100. Stay tuned for announcement of daily minyan location.

## The Crown Center for Senior Living Invites Members of the community to a Kosher Dining Experience

Dinner is generally served Monday through Friday from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. (Friday dinner begins at 4:45 p.m.), depending on the time of the year. Dining days and times are subject to change.

Suggested donation is \$3.00 for age 60 and older, and \$7.00 for age 59 and under, but we encourage patrons to give what they can to the donation box in the dining room. Make out checks to Crown Center Meal Site. Payment options are available.

Please make a reservation by 9:00 am the day you are planning to join us. Call 991-2055 ext. 124 and leave a message with your name, phone number, and the date of the requested meal and if you need a call back for confirmation.

Kosher dinners are prepared on-site by Jon Rubin Catering under the supervision of the Vaad Hoer.

Contact Florence Schachter, at 991-2055 if you



### Saturday Morning September 10

- 8:30 am - Regular services
- 10:30 am - Learner's Services in the Chapel, led by Rabbi Chanan Swidler of Aish
- 11:00 am - Break-out sessions
  - Jews in Sports, led by **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**
  - Classical Insights into the Holidays, led by **Rabbi Eli Shapiro** of the St. Louis Kollel
  - The Palestinians' Intent to Seek a Unilateral Declaration of Independence at the UN: Context and Implications, led by **Bob Cohn**, Editor Emeritus of Jewish Light
  - Keeping a Healthy Brain and Mind, led by **Steve Miskovic**, Memory Care Solutions
  - Tot Shabbat, led by Nina Levine and Georgia Laird
- 12:00 Noon, all attendees gather together for a Kiddush lunch

*All events are free and open to the public  
Home hospitality for weekend is available*

**Note our New Location:**  
**650 North Price Road, Olivette**  
**(314) 991-2100 [www.nhbx.org](http://www.nhbx.org)**

### Can We Talk?

#### Israel: How Do We Hear One Another

Tuesday, September 20, 7 pm  
JCC Performing Arts and Banquet Center  
Staenberg Family Complex, Millstone Campus Dr.

Please join us to hear a panel of local experts and diverse voices who will discuss "how we talk to one another about the Jewish State when we don't always agree?"

Discussion will feature James Bennett, Senior Rabbi, Shaare Emeth Congregation; Robert Newmark, Esq., Chapter President, American Jewish Committee; **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason**, spiritual leader of congregation Nusach Hari B'nai Zion; Dr. Nancy Berg, Professor of Modern Hebrew Language and Literature, Washington U.; and will be moderated by Larry Levin, Publisher/CEO of St. Louis Jewish Light.

Can We Talk?, a series blending news analysis, an evening of discussion and ongoing dialogue, is a collaboration of the Jewish Light, the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) and the Jewish Community Center (JCC), and is supported by a generous grant from the Mildred, Herbert and Julian Simon Foundation and support from B'nai Brith.

David and Norma Rubin thank those who sponsored Sheva Brachas last Shabbos in honor of their marriage:

Bob & Sandie Abrams	Lenny & Fran Alper
Fabian & Francine Attoun	Craig & Jackie Berkin
Sid & Phyllis Silverman	Esther Gelb
Bob & Joni Kaiser	Ted & Rachael Pevnick
Mark Ragin & Gail Rose	Irwin & Roz Rosen
Jon & Naomi Shanker	Mr. H.H. Bremler
Menachem & Linda Szus	Alice Sudin
Victor & Anna Rose Tendler	Gary & Trudy Sudin
Alan & Vivian Zarkowsky	Marian Walters
Rabbi Howard & Felicia Graber	

High Hoilday Learners Service at

## ***Nusach Hari B'nai Zion***

presented by Aish HaTorah

Rosh Hashana, Sept 29, with Rabbi Swidler

Yom Kippur, Oct. 8, with Rabbi Goldson

Both days at 11:30 am



***Shabbos*** Learners Service  
Resumes after High Holidays

### **MinyanMan Tip # 6**

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

Please notify:

Howard Sandler (409-7266)

Rabbi Smason (749-5271)

Office (991-2100)

## **2011 NHBZ Golf Shootout**

**Sunday, Sept 4, 2011, Normandie Golf Club, 7605 Saint Charles Rock Rd**

**11:30 Picnic Lunch - 12:30 Shotgun Start - 5:30 Awards**

Hole-in-1 prize sponsored by Elco Chevy/Cadillac

Other awards - Closest to pin, Longest Drive, Best Dressed, plus Gifts for all players!

**To register, become a sponsor, or volunteer to help, EMAIL: [rxlevine@charter.net](mailto:rxlevine@charter.net)**



\$100. Per Person

\$ 90. Per Person if registered by Aug 16, 2011.

\$350. Per Foresome if registered by Aug 16, 2011.

\$300. Hole Sponsorship includes 2 players + custom signage.

\$500. Hole Sponsorship includes 4 Players + custom signage.



## **FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) about our new Shul**

1. Where are the restrooms? – Off the main level lobby and on the lower level just below it
2. Where will Kiddush be? – Services and Kiddush are on the same level; *you do not need to walk down any steps*; after services, simply walk behind the movable wall and you will see the tables and chairs set up for Kiddush
3. Where are the kitchens? - Kitchens are adjacent to the Kiddush area on the main level
4. What is downstairs? – Offices, Chapel/Library, Kitchenette, Kid's Room, Youth Lounge, Storage, restrooms, and a Multi-Purpose room
5. What is the Multi-Purpose room for? – Shalosh Seudos, Board Meetings, Other Meetings, Classes, Synaplex sessions, special events, and whatever you can think of
6. Where is the elevator? - on the lower level, it is just inside the North entrance; on the main level, it is in the North stairwell, across the sanctuary from the main level lobby; it has a Shabbos mode so you can use it without pushing any buttons on Shabbos
7. How can I ask my questions? – ask Lenny Alper or email them to him at [lenny.alper@earthlink.net](mailto:lenny.alper@earthlink.net)
8. Was the Dedication in the news? – check this:

<http://universitycity.patch.com/articles/university-city-synagogue-relocates-to-olivette>

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