



Good Shabbos to Everyone!

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion
Shabbos, April 10, 2010

Bruchim Habayim
26 Nisan 5770



☆ **Kiddush** ~ Everyone is invited to Kiddush in the Joe Rothman Auditorium following services this morning. Thanks for sponsoring soda today ~ our **"POP"-STARS** of the week ~ **Harold & Fran Hoffman!!!**

If you would like to sponsor or enhance a Kiddush, add something special, sponsor Soda or Shalosh Seudos, please call 314-991-2100, ext. 2, to make arrangements. Your contribution will help our NHBZ Kiddush & Shalosh Seudos Funds.

☆ **Davening** ~ *Parshas Shemini*

Sedra: *Shemini: Vayikra 9:1-11:47*; pages 588-607. Haftorah: *II Samuel: 6:1-19*; pages 1168-1169.

☆ **Thank You For Leading Davening:** *Pesukei D'Zimra:* Howard Sandler; *Shacharis:* Dr. Ethan Schuman; *Leyning:* Michael Shapiro; *Haftorah:* Dr. Ethan Schuman; *Musaf:* Dr. Ethan Schuman.

☆ **Jr. Congregations** Jr. Congregations will be held this morning at 10:30 a.m., Girls Jr. Congregation and younger children will meet in the Chapel with **Sivya Smason**. Boys Jr. Congregation will meet in the Auditorium with **Avrumi Smason**.

☆ **Mincha:** We will daven Mincha today at 6:55 p.m. Shabbos will conclude at 8:17 p.m.

☆ **Shacharis, Mincha and Maariv ~ Shabbos, April 10 through Friday, April 16:**

All Minyanim will be held in the Chapel in the main building, until further notice.

	Shabbos	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Shacharis	8:45	8:00	6:45	7:00	☆6:45	☆6:45	7:00
Mincha/Maariv	6:55	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00

☆Rosh Chodesh Iyar

☆ **Shalosh Seudos** is being sponsored this evening by **Sid & Phyllis Silverman** in memory of beloved mother, **Beatrice Weiner, ר"ב**.

☆ **Yizkor Recited for Your Loved Ones** ~ Nusach Hari B'nai Zion will greatly appreciate your contributions for Yizkor recited for your loved ones on the last day of Pesach. Please send your checks or, to make a donation on your credit card, please call the office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

☆ **NHBZ Shabbos Events & Dates to Remember**

☆ **SHABBOS FESTIVITIES, EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:**

☆ **Ari-Kabbalat-Shabbat** This Friday evening, April 16, 7:00 p.m. with Aryeh Needle.

☆ Lunch & Learn next Shabbos, April 17, in honor of April Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries and Yom Ha'atzmaut. Rabbi Smason will speak on the topic: **"Should a Jew Drive a German-made Car"?**

☆ Kiddush will be sponsored by NHBZ on Shabbos, May 1, in honor of the wonderful women of our NHBZ Sisterhood.

☆ A Yom Yerushalayim Kiddush & Lunch will be sponsored by Nusach Hari B'nai Zion on Shabbos, May 8, in honor of the **100th Birthday of Mr. H.H. Bremler**. Thanks to everyone celebrating with Mr. Bremler by participating with contributions to his birthday luncheon ~ Thanks to Mr. Bremler's family, including Todd & Sarah Rush and Yerucham & Shelley List, to our NHBZ Sisterhood and Bob & Sandie Abrams.

☆ **Ari-Kabbalat-Shabbat & Friday night Shabbat Dinner** May 14.

☆ **SYNAPLEX SHABBAT** Lunch in honor of May Birthdays & Anniversaries - Shabbos, May 22.

☆ **Yom Hashoah** Holocaust Remembrance Day Community Event on Sunday, April 11, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. at BSKI.

☆ **Yom Hashoah Teen Event at NHBZ** The program will include the screening of a very compelling movie "One Flight For Us: Two Movies in One" followed by a discussion and refreshments. The event is free to all teens grades 8-12, and are invited to invite friends. Teens will learn what they don't teach in American and World history classes about America and the Holocaust. This program is sure to be an eye opener for all. The program will take place this Sunday evening, April 11th, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Social Hall, and is sponsored by JSU, KTM and NCSY. For more information please contact or text Rabbi Mike @ 314-498-6279

☆ **Shul Board of Directors Meeting** This Tuesday, April 13. Mincha: 7:00 p.m.; Meeting: 7:30 p.m. - both in the Rear Building.

☆ **Rosh Chodesh Iyar** Wednesday & Thursday, April 14 & 15.

☆ **CARRY-OUT PIZZA NIGHT** Wednesday, April 14. Place your orders by 12:00 noon that day.

☆ **Home Study Groups** Coming up on Sunday, April 18, at the home of **Alan & Janet Haber**, and on Sunday, May 16, at the home of **Drs. Susan Feigenbaum & Jay Pepose**.

☆ *NHBZ Shabbos Events & Dates to Remember*

☆ **Yom Ha'atzmaut** Israel Independence Day. Monday, April 19.

☆ **Dine-In PIZZA NIGHT** Sunday, April 25.

☆ **Executive Committee Meeting** Tuesday, April 27. Mincha: 7:00 p.m.; Meeting: 7:30 p.m., both in the Rear Building.

☆ **Lag B'Omer Pancake Breakfast** Sun., May 2, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Chocolate Chip, Blueberry & Plain Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Robin's yummy potatoes, Fruit, and Smoothies!! We are looking for sponsors to help make this event super successful. Thanks to **David & Heidi Smason** for their very generous pledge! Details to follow.



☆ **Sisterhood's Mother's Day Luncheon** Tuesday, May 11, 12:00 noon. A delicious luncheon will be served and you'll enjoy the program that will give you a MAJOR BLAST FROM THE PAST when you see and hear the familiar strains of **Yoo-Hoo, Mrs. Goldberg!!!** Gertrude Berg as Molly Goldbert at her best! Gertrude Berg (née Gertrude Edelstein) (October 3, 1899 - September 14, 1966), was a pioneer of classic American radio, one of the first if not the first of her gender to create, write, produce, **and** star in a long-running hit, when she premiered **The Rise of the Goldbergs**—known later and better as simply **The Goldbergs**—in 1929. Berg was born and died in New York City. She learned theater in college while simultaneously producing skits for her father's Catskills Mountains resort and married Lewis Berg in 1918. It was one of those skits, portraying a semi-autobiographical Jewish family in the New York tenements, that Berg soon developed into a fifteen-minute radio program. **The Goldbergs** became so popular—its plots and scenarios touching a chord with Americans of all stripe who identified with the situations even if they weren't urban lower-middle-class Jews trying to assimilate into the new world—that the show's characters received fan mail as often as the actors who played them did, and thousands of letters poured into the show's network when Berg herself was forced to miss time on the air due to illness. Berg became inextricably identified as Molly Goldberg, the bighearted matriarch of her fictitious New York family who moved to Connecticut as symbolic of Jewish-American upward mobility. She wrote practically all the show's five thousand plus radio episodes plus a Broadway adaptation, **Me and Molly**, in 1948. It took considerable convincing, but Berg finally prevailed upon CBS to let her bring **The Goldbergs** to television in 1949, where it stayed in first-run production for five years. Berg herself won an Emmy award as Molly in 1949.

☆ *Learning at NHBZ & with Rabbi Smason*

☆ *Weekly Learning ~*

☆ **Boys' Shabbos Study Group** With Rabbi Smason for boys ages 10-14 each Shabbos, **30 minutes** before Mincha. **This Shabbos at 6:25 p.m.**

☆ **Shabbos Study Groups** Each Shabbos at 6:00 p.m. Studying Tanach (currently, Melachim Bet - Kings II) and Pirkei Avos, led by Menachem Szus; **Everyone at any level of learning is welcome.**

☆ **Sunday Learning** Mishna Shiur every Sunday. Rabbi Chanan Swidler, of the St. Louis Kollel, leads a study of the Mishna following Sunday morning services. Davening at 8:00 a.m. followed by Mishna study.

☆ **Basic Jewish Texts & Ideas You May Have Missed** CAJE's Florence Melton Adult Mini School at Bais Abraham. Structured, 2-year, in-depth class: learn the basics of Jewish history, ethics, beliefs & holidays; text-based course taught on Wednesday nights, 7:30-9:30 p.m. by Rabbi Ze'ev Smason. Contact Cyndee Levy at 442-3754 or clevy@cajestl.org. Scholarships are available.

☆ **RAP with the RABBI** Teen group with Rabbi Smason for boys & girls this Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the office.

☆ **Lunch & Learn** with Rabbi Smason, each Wednesday, 12:15 pm, in the rear building. Insights for daily living from the weekly Torah portion. Classes resume this Wednesday, April 14.

☆ *Monthly Learning ~*

☆ **NHBZ Women's Home Study Group ~ "Women of Valor ~ Our Biblical Mothers"** presented by Rabbi Shaya Mintz, of the St. Louis Kollel. The group meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month. **Next class Tuesday, MAY 4, 2:30 p.m.**, at the home of Jackie Berkin. All women are welcome. Please join us!!!

☆ **The Morris Lengua Yiddish Club** meets on the 1st Thursday of each month, at 7:30 p.m. in the Joe Rothman Auditorium. **Next Date will be Thursday – May 6, 2010.** Join us for a spirited & enjoyable hour filled with Yiddish stories and songs, fun and laughter, **keeping Yiddish alive!** Seasoned "mayvens" (experts), as well as novices are invited!!!

MAZEL TOV
ON SIMCHAS THIS WEEK!
April 10-16, 2010!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dr. Craig Berkin
Rhoda Carl
Hannah Kaiser
Steve Marbain
Sid Silverman

Happy Anniversary
None This Week!

Show your friends you care ~ SEND A TRIBUTE!
Sisterhood: Call Phyllis Silverman, 314-434-2482
Shul: Call Gloria Waxman, 314-872-3296

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 prayers in Heaven — one for each tribe of Israel. Additionally, there 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.

Welcome to Beyond Twelve Gates. Comedienne Phyllis Diller once said, "A smile is a curve that sets everything straight." A new study reports that if you smile, you may even live longer. Researchers at Wayne State University in Detroit used information from the Baseball Register to look at photos of 230 professional baseball players from before 1950. A rating of their smile intensity was made (big smile, no smile, partial smile), and compared with data from deaths that occurred in 2006 and 2009. For those players who had died, the researchers found longevity ranged from an average of 72.9 years for players with no smiles to 75 years for players with partial smiles to 79.9 years for players with big smiles. Researchers also found that people who smile often are usually happier, have more stable personalities, more stable marriages, better cognitive skills and better interpersonal skills. The Talmud says, "**Better to whiten your teeth (smile) at your friend than to give him milk (even if he's very thirsty).**" Our experience in life teaches us that smiling definitely gives us more energy to live and to love. It may even help us to!

Parshas Shemini Leviticus 9:1 — 11:47

This week's Torah portion begins by discussing the events that occurred on the eighth and final day of the inauguration service of the *Mishkan*. After months of preparation and anticipation, Aaron and his sons are finally installed as Kohanim in an elaborate service. Aaron blesses the people, and the entire nation rejoices as G-d's presence rests upon them. However, the excitement comes to an abrupt halt as Aaron's two eldest sons, Nadav and Avihu, are consumed by a heavenly fire in the *Mishkan* while innovating an offering of incense on the altar. This incident stresses the need to perform the commandments only as G-d directed. Later, Moses consoles Aaron, who grieves in silence.



Have you ever wondered where the laws of kosher food come from? *Parshas Shemini* concludes with a listing of the kosher and non-kosher animals. The identifying sign of a kosher land animal is that it has split hooves and chews, regurgitates and re-chews its food. A kosher fish is identified by having both fins and scales. All birds not included in the list of forbidden fowl are permitted. However, in this day and age the exact identities of these non-kosher birds is doubtful, so we're forbidden to eat any species of bird unless there is a well-established tradition that it is kosher. The Torah forbids all types of insects except for four species of locusts. Chocolate-covered grasshoppers, anyone? The laws of kashrut help us to be separate and holy — like G-d, Himself.

Rabbinic Ruminations

A giant lizard, recently discovered in the forested mountains of the Philippines, has been hailed by experts as "an incredible find." While it is not that unusual to find a new species of tiny fish, frog or insect these days, the discovery of the 6.5 foot golden-spotted monitor lizard — a new species — has the scientific community abuzz. Scientists compare this find to the 1993 discovery of the forest-dwelling Saola ox in Vietnam and to a new monkey species discovered in the highlands of Tanzania in 2006. The discovery of the new lizard is noteworthy from a Torah perspective. A land animal is kosher if it has split hooves and chews its cud. In this week's Torah portion (*Shemini*) we're told that only four animals (camel, hare, hyrax and pig) in the entire world have just one of the two 'kosher' signs. Could a human author of the Torah, written 3300 years ago in the Middle East, have made such a claim? Could that author have traveled to the Australian Outback, Amazon Rainforest and Himalayan Peaks to view and examine every single animal in the world? The credibility of the Torah would certainly be called into question if a fifth animal with only one kosher sign was later discovered in, for example, the forested mountains of the Philippines. The golden-spotted monitor lizard does not have split hooves, nor does it chew its cud. The Author of the Torah — 'Author' with a capital 'A' — knew better than Steve Irwin, Marlin Perkins and all future animal biologists that no fifth animal with one kosher sign would ever be found. That's because, of course, the Author of the Torah is G-d.

Quote of the Week

We have to use the time we have left — *Jack Bauer*
(Kiefer Sutherland, Star of '24')



JOKE of the WEEK



OY VEY!

Nigel Goldberg was waiting in line to be knighted by the Queen. Like the nine others before him, Nigel practiced in Latin for several months his sentence of acceptance. Each of the first nine men flawlessly uttered their line in the ancient language. However, when Nigel's turn came, he panicked in the excitement of the moment and completely forgot what he was supposed to say. Thinking fast, Nigel recited a sentence in a foreign language which he remembered from his youth — something that was said at his family Passover seder: "**Ma nishtana ha layla ha zeh mi kol ha laylos.**" Puzzled, Her Majesty turned to her advisor and whispered, "Why is this knight different from all other knights?"

Thanks for reading 'Beyond Twelve Gates'. Comments, questions, requests to be added to our email list or better jokes can be sent to Rabbi Smason at Pepshort613@sbcglobal.net or adarabba@hotmail.com Care to know more about Nusach Hari B'nai Zion Congregation? Check us out at www.nhbz.org If you enjoyed Beyond Twelve Gates, please share with a friend. Thanks to Dan Haber for his assistance in distributing BTG.

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Big Shabbos Do'n's! Special Celebrations

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SYNAPLEX SHABBAT More interesting topics and dynamic speakers to nourish your intellect; then enjoy a wonderful Shabbos lunch in honor of our friends celebrating May Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries on May 22.

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**PIZZA
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NHBZ!!!**



**CARRY OUT NIGHT:
THIS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14**

HOT PIZZA WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU TO PICK UP!! OR ORDER AN UN-COOKED PIZZA TO FREEZE AT HOME!!

Plain Cheese Pizza ~ \$12.00
Toppings ~ \$.75 each

EXTRA-CHEESE MUSHROOMS
ONIONS TOMATOES BASIL
GREEN PEPPERS SLICED OLIVES PINEAPPLE
PLACE YOUR ORDER ~ CALL SANDIE

314-991-2100, ext. 2

Deadline to Order: 12:00 noon on April 14.

**Lion's Den DINE-IN Pizza Night
SUNDAY, APRIL 25!!**

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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