



# Congregation Zera Abraham

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*This week's Eruv is sponsored by Mrs. Barbara Fine in honor of the engagement of her granddaughter, Esti Einhorn, daughter of Rabbi Yisroel and Mrs. Rochel Einhorn, to Dovid Nussbaum, son of Mr. Zvee and Mrs. Ruthie Nussbaum.*

*This week's Kiddush is sponsored by Mr. Mendel Hershkowitz l'n his grandfather, Yaakov ben Shimon a"h.  
\* Please remember to repeat Krias Shema after tzeis. \**

## Friday Night Minyan

This Week: Parshas VaYera, November 4<sup>th</sup>

Candlelighting: **5:38**

**Mincha: 5:43**

Next Week: Parshas Chayei Sara, November 11<sup>th</sup>

Candlelighting: **4:30**

**Mincha: 4:45**

## Change Your Clock

This Motzoai Shabbos turn your clocks back one hour.

## Mazel Tov

To Mrs. Barbara Fine upon the engagement of her granddaughter, Esti Einhorn, daughter of Rabbi Yisroel and Mrs. Rochel Einhorn, to Dovid Nussbaum, son of Mr. Zvee and Mrs. Ruthie Nussbaum.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yanky and Debbie Werther upon the birth of a grandson to Mr. and Mrs. Mordechai and Miriam Werther. May they have much yiddishe nachas!

To Mr. and Mrs. Avrohom and Rivka Grossman upon the birth of a great-grandson to R' Dovid and Hadassah Rosenberg of Yerushalayim, and Mazel Tov to the grandparents, R' Refael Leib and Batya Rosenberg. May they have much yiddishe nachas!

## A Yaasher Koach Ode!

To Captain Chaim Shmuel Stitzer for his lively ruach, and for revising and reprogramming our electronic luach. May Hashem reward him with all that's good and fine. For helping us all be more ON TIME!

## Another Yaasher Koach Ode!

To our dear friend, R' Dovy Ort whose list of help to the community is not at all short. Now has added to this list the Shul website maintenance, Ever ready with his informed and knowledge based guidance.

## And a Third Yaasher Koach Ode!

To R' Issac Kravitz for his Klall minded generosity, who has taken on, with great ferocity, finding Shalosh Seudos supervisors, each one a master, of entertaining children - and preventing disaster.

## This Motzoai Shabbos: The MB Glassman Avos U'Bonim

Starting this Motzoai Shabbos, Parshas VaYera, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, for another season of father-son learning, with weekly giveaways, Melava Malkas, swimming, and prizes. This week's learning will take place from 7:30-8:15 pm at Yeshiva Toras Chaim. There is a

\$36 suggested donation per family. Please see flyer for complete schedule and details.

## Yasher Koach

To Rabbi Hoffman and Rabbi Sher for once again providing fun and educational entertainment for the children on Shabbos Bereishis; to Mordy Joseph for being the StoryTeller for boys from 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade; to Miriam and Aliza Wilen for helping with the refreshments; and to the mothers and children whose enthusiasm makes it all worthwhile.

## Attention Women and Girls

The next Shabbos M'Vorchim Shiur will take place, l"H, November 18, 2017, Shabbos Parshas Toldos, 2:45pm at the home of Mrs. Aviva Polter, 5100 W. 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. The speaker will be Mrs. Rachel Goldbaum. Please join us for an inspiring afternoon.

## Leil Shabbos Parsha Pilpul

The Leil Shabbos Parsha Pilpul program continues next Shabbos, Parshas Chayei Sara The Pilpul will be delivered by Rabbi Avraham Abrams at his home 1620 Zenobia Street at 8:15 pm.

## Pirchei Starts!

Begins this week and every week one hour and ten minutes before Mincha. This week at 4:15. Please keep in mind that Pirchei is for boys in grades 2-8 only.

## Any Question, on Any Subject!

You can watch halacha come to life from the source. Ask any question and at the Shul Shalosh Seudos watch how a psak is formed from the gemora to modern day shalios. Submit your questions to RabbiSteinberg@zeraabraham.com and come be part of the sugya as your question is answered and discussed by all.

## MB Glassman Youth Shalosh Seudos

The M.B. Glassman Youth Shalosh Seudos program begins this week. Much thanks is expressed to all those who volunteered last year to supervise and have made this program possible. Please bear in mind that each father who has a boy who stays for Shalosh Seudos is asked to take a turn supervising. Much thanks is expressed to the M.B. Glassman Foundation and its officers for the recent generous renewal of sponsorship of this wonderful program. This week R' Isaac Kravitz will supervise.

## Ateres

A Shabbos evening program for grades 2-6 begins this week. Please join at candle lighting time at the Seidenfeld home, 5050 West 17 Avenue. After the program, the girls will be escorted to shul to meet their fathers to take them home. Ateres will take place on alternate Friday nights.

## The OWL Group

An enjoyable and successful initial meeting was held on Sunday, Oct 29th, to initiate the "Outstanding Wise Ladies' Group". A lively discussion was had about organizing monthly active, craft, cultural, shiur and socializing opportunities for the women of Denver aged 65+.

The kick-off OWL event, a Pot-Luck Luncheon, will take place, iy"H, on Rosh Chodesh Tishrei, Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at noon, at the home of Mrs. Sara Crystal, 1625 Stuart Street. The event is hosted by Mrs. Naomi Erlanger, Ms. Miriam Fortune, Mrs. Chana Rudnick, Dr. Barbara Unger, and Mrs. Esther Wershaw.

To RSVP and participate in the luncheon, please call Mrs. Sara Crystal, 303.534.1452. More program details to follow next week.

## Kinyan Masechta Shiur: UPDATE

The Kinyan Masechta Shiur on Maseches Kesubos now takes place each evening from 7:30 to 8:30 followed by Maariv. You can now listen in to each evening's shiur by calling (641) 715-0862 code 324315. If you wish to hear any recorded nightly shiur, please send a request to maggidshiur@shiurenjoyment.com.

## Hachnosas Sefer Torah

Get ready for an inspirational celebration as we welcome a new Sefer Torah on Sunday, November 5th! The festivities begin with a moving Torah Completion Ceremony followed by a lively procession through the streets with music, singing and dancing with the Sefer Torah to its new home, Kehilas Bais Yisroel, the MB Glassman Synagogue. Letter writing begins with Mincha at 2pm at the home of Larry and Cindy Halpern, 210 S. Oneida St. The procession begins from the Halpern residence at 3pm. This is an

## Shabbos Davening and Learning

Likras Shabbos .....	Rabbi Berkowitz.....	5:13
Candlelighting .....		5:38
Ateres.....	Seidenfeld home.....	5:40
Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos.....		5:43
Mishna Berura.....	Rav Steinberg.....	8:00
Shacharis .....		8:30
Sof Zman Krias Shema .....		9:29, 10:05
Bnos .....		2:00
Pirchei .....		4:15
Sefer HaChinuch.....	R' Hillel Erlanger.....	3:05-3:25
Daf Yomi.....	R' Yoil Unger.....	3:25-4:25
Gemara Shiur- Maseches Pesachim...Rabbi Rosskamm ...		4:25-5:25
Gemara Shiur - Maseches Shabbos ...Rav Steinberg.....		4:25-5:25
Mincha.....		5:25
Maariv .....		6:44
Tefilla Shiur.....	Rabbi Hoffman.....	after maariv
Avos U'Bonim.....	at YTC .....	7:30

## Weekday Davening

Shacharis Sunday.....		6:30
..... Monday and Thursday .....		6:10
..... Tues. Wed. and Friday .....		6:20
Mincha .... Sunday-Thursday .....		4:40 followed by shiur
1 <sup>st</sup> Maariv Sunday-Thursday.....		after Mincha
2 <sup>nd</sup> Maariv Sunday-Thursday.....		8:30

## Weekday Learning

Daf Yomi .....	R' Yoil Unger .....	M-F .....	5:20 am
.....	R' Yanez & R' Joseph .....	M-F .....	7:10 am
.....	R' Yoil Unger .....	Sun .....	7:20 am
Kinyan Masechta Kesubos...Rav Steinberg .	M-Th.....		7:30-8:30 pm
Kinyan Masechta Review.....Rav Steinberg .	Sun.....		9:00 am
Chabura Michtav M'Eliyahu .R' Y. Yanez.....	Sun.....		6:20 pm
Night Seder.....	Sun-Thurs....		7:30 pm
Partners in Torah.....	Tues .....		7:30 pm

event you don't want to miss! Be a part of the Mitzvah! Dedication opportunities are still available - [www.baisyisroel.com/form/torah](http://www.baisyisroel.com/form/torah)

## Michtav M'Eliyahu Chabura

Now, **each Sunday before Mincha**, there is a chabura learning the Sefer Michtav M'Eliyahu by Harav Eliyahu Dessler zt"l. Each week a specific topic of the Sefer is learned b'Chavrusa for 25 minutes, and followed by a 5-minute summary by the Rov. For information and chavrusos, please speak to the Rosh Chabura, R' Yisroel Yanez at 720-275-1014. Join this excellent and powerful chabura, an opportunity to glean from the timeless and provoking words of Rav Dessler and attain real development and growth in avodas Hashem.

## Parsha Delight and ספר מטעמי זרע אברהם

See the question below on the Parsha. Offer an acceptable answer to the Rov at the kiddush and receive a chocolate! Each week the answers for the previous week's Parsha Delight question will be printed in the newsletter. At the end of the year we will publish a compilation of the questions and answers. This program is for ages 5-105. Sponsored by East Side Kosher Deli.

## Newsletter E-mail List and Contact Information

Please e-mail all contributions, mazel tovs, sponsorships, etc. to [zera.abraham@gmail.com](mailto:zera.abraham@gmail.com) no later than Wednesday evening. E-mail ensures that nothing will be left out or misspelled. All entries will run for one week unless otherwise specified. The Shul reserves the right to omit or amend any submissions. To be added to the e-mail distribution list, please send an e-mail requesting to be included.

### Parsha Delight Question

ויאמר ה' אל אברהם למה זה צחקת שרה לאמר האף אמנם אלד וגוי Hashem said to Avraham, why this that Sarah laughed stating, "will I even, in fact, give birth!" (18:13). If Hashem was communicating that this was inappropriate conduct on Sarah Imeinu's part, why didn't Hashem confront her directly about it? Why go through Avraham Avinu which could possibly create a tension between them?

### מטעמי זרע אברהם פרשת לך

Last Week's Question:

ויסע לוט מקדם, and Lot travelled "from the east". This was in order to go to Sedom. Wasn't Sedom on the east of Eretz Yisroel - in which case to get to Eretz Yisroel one must travel "from the west"? So, why does it state that he travelled from the east?

Answer Received:

- The answer that he traveled מקדמותו של עולם was not what we were looking for, as that begs the question - why didn't the possuk use instead the word מה' or something similar. Clearly, there is also an indication that he traveled מקדם, from the east.
- There is a region called "East", as in מקדם לבית אל, which is where אברהם אבינו was. This would be like saying, he left from "East New York", and traveled East.
- Lot engaged in a trick to deceive Avraham Avinu. He was concerned that Avraham Avinu would stop him from going to Sedom, and indeed not long before Avraham Avinu fought a full scale war to save him from Sedom. So therefore, Lot first traveled west, and then circled around to travel to Sedom without Avraham Avinu ever aware. It could even be said that Avraham Avinu saw that he went first west and then circled up north. At that point Avraham Avinu assumed that Lot would settle in the North, and therefore Avraham Avinu went south.