



# Congregation Zera Abraham

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Shabbos Parshas VaYigash • 5 Teves • December 23

*\* Please remember to repeat Krias Shema after tzeis. \**

## Friday Night Minyan

This Week: Parshas VaYigash, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

Candlelighting: **4:22**

Mincha: **4:27**

Next Week: Parshas VaYeichi, December 30<sup>th</sup>

Candlelighting: **4:26**

Mincha: **4:31**

## Condolences

We express our condolences to Mrs. Rachel Mishory upon the passing of her mother, Mrs. Doris Bonner of Baltimore. May she and her family be comforted, and may we share with them only simchos in the future. Mrs. Mishory can be reached at 303-931-1542.

## Asara B'Teves Zmanim

This Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> is the fast of Asara B'Teves.

Fast begins.....6:08

Shachris.....6:10

Mincha.....4:15

Maariv.....5:15

Fast ends.....5:33

## RESCHEDULED:

### Motzoai Shabbos

#### Melavas with a Shiur

The next Melave Malka for men with a shiur will take place Motzoai Shabbos, Parshas Shemos, January 6<sup>th</sup>, with a Shiur by Rabbi Avrohom Aver Jacobs, Rav Kehillas Bais Yisroel on the subject of Bris Milah

The next Melave Malka with a Shiur for women will take place Motzoai Shabbos Parshas Va'aira, January 13<sup>th</sup>, with a shiur on the Halachos of Taking Challah – Practical and the Unusual, given by the Rov.

## The OWL Group

We are pleased to announce our first outing for our OWL group. On either Tuesday or Wednesday, December 26 or 27 at 11:00 AM, depending on when most can attend, our drivers will pick you up and drive you to the Denver Art Museum to enjoy a guided view of "Her Paris", Women Artists in Paris from 1850-1900 in the Age of Impressionism. The charge is \$24 per person. The viewing takes

about one hour. Please RSVP Esther Wershaw at 303-522-6402 or estherq40@aol.com. We hope you can join us.

## Leil Shabbos Parsha Pilpul

The Leil Shabbos Parsha Pilpul will be held next week, Parshas VaYeichi, and given by TBA. All men and bochorim are invited.

## Navi Shiur Resuming Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

Series of Shiurim given on alternate Sunday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 by R' Yoil Unger. With the start of Sefer Yehoshua and now in Sefer Shoftim, through careful examination of the text, R' Yoil expounds and explains the haftorah portions of the each sefer of Nach. This shiur is a remarkable opportunity for both men and women to obtain a keen and satisfying appreciation of the Nevi'im, and will allow the participants to experience the weekly haftoros

with a sense of reference and context. This is an interactive shiur, so be prepared to get involved! For questions and additional information please inquire with R' Yoil Unger. Starting with Shiras Chanah on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30, followed by Maariv at 8:30.

## MB Glassman Avos U'Banim Melava Malka This Motzei Shabbos, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

Melava Malka will take place this Motzei Shabbos, Parshas Vayigash, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, at The JE Center, 7:00 – 8:45. Live, interactive entertainment, with R' Fishel Shachter, prizes, and pizza! See flyer for more details.

## 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.

## End-of-Year Donations

Please make the last of your 2017 donations prior to Tuesday, December 26 to give time to process them, and get them deposited in the bank prior to the end of the tax year. Donations received after 12/31 by the Shul, regardless of when they were dated, will appear on Shul records and receipts in the next tax year, i.e. 2018. Thank you for your generous consideration! Tax receipts for annual donations totaling more that \$250 will be sent out ly"n in January. If

**Continuing this Week: BI-WEEKLY SHIUR on Navi by R' Yoil Unger**

Now with Sefer Shoftim, through careful examination of the text, R' Yoil expounds and explains the haftorah portions of the each sefer of Nach. This shiur is a remarkable opportunity for both men and women to obtain a keen and satisfying appreciation of the Nevi'im, and allows the participants to experience the weekly haftoros with a sense of reference and context. This is an interactive shiur, so be prepared to get involved!

Alternate Sunday Evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. Followed by Maariv.

For Men and Women.

Now continuing with Haftoros From Sefer Shoftim

For more information, please contact R' Unger or the Rov.

you wish a receipt for your donations totaling less than \$250, please call R' Feivel Gallard at 303-818-5811.

### Tefillah Series at Merkaz

Come join R' Chaim Sher and discover the power we all have! Join us every other Tuesday evening, to explore the Brachos of Shmonah Esrei. This final shiurim will take place Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Merkaz, from 8:15 – 9:00 pm. Open to men and women.

### 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 Rabbi Eli Krausz will supervise.

### Michtav M'Elياهو Chabura

Now, **each Sunday before Mincha**, there is a chabura learning the Sefer Michtav M'Elياهو by Harav Elياهو 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.

### Shabbos Davening and Learning

Likras Shabbos .....	Rabbi Berkowitz .....	3:57
Candlelighting .....		4:22
Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos .....		4:27
Ateres .....	Seidenfeld home .....	4:25
Mishna Berura .....	Rav Steinberg .....	8:00
Shacharis .....		8:30
Sof Zman Krias Shema .....		9:00, 9:36
Bnos .....		2:00
Pirchei .....		3:05
Sefer HaChinuch .....	R' Hillel Erlanger .....	1:55-2:15
Daf Yomi .....	R' Yoil Unger .....	2:15-3:15
Shiur- Maseches Pesachim .....	R' Dovid Zussman .....	3:15-4:15
Shiur – Sugya Kiddush b'Makom Seuda .....	Rav Steinberg .....	3:15-4:15
Mincha .....		4:15
Maariv .....		5:30
Tefilla Shiur .....	Rabbi Hoffman .....	after maariv
Avos U'Bonim <b>Melave Malka</b> .....	at Jewish Exerience .....	6:45-8:30

### Weekday Davening

Shacharis Sunday .....	6:30
..... Monday and Thursday .....	6:10
..... Tues. Wed. and Friday .....	6:20
Mincha .... Sunday-Thursday .....	<b>4:30</b> 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'Elياهو .R' Y. Yanez .....	Sun .....		6:20 pm
Night Seder .....	Sun-Thurs .....		7:30 pm
Partners in Torah .....	Tues .....		7:30 pm

### 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.

### Kashrus Alert

**Benecol Light and Original** (formerly O-UParve) a cholesterol lowering margarine product, in removing the last .5 grams of Transfat, reformulated the products adding Buttermilk to the mix. While it is now labeled O-UD, consumers who have been purchasing the product as Parve for years can easily make the mistake of assuming it is still Parve.

### 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.

### מטעמי פרשה פרשת ויגש Parsha Delight Question

On his way to מצרים, Yaakov Avinu stops in שבע, באר שבע, and the possuk (46:2) states, ויאמר יעקב לישראל במראת הלילה, ויאמר, יעקב, ויאמר הנני. Hashem said to Yisroel in visions of night, and He said, Yaakov Yaakov, and he (Yaakov) said, "Here I am". If in this context, he is to be referred to as Yisroel, as indicated by the beginning of the possuk, then why does Hashem call out to him with the reference, Yaakov, Yaakov? Why not - Yisroel, Yisroel?

### Obituary

Mr. Zalmon Tornek was a long time resident of the Westside, until moving to Tzefas about 20 years ago. He passed away this Sunday at the age of 87. He had lived on 1300 Zebobia as a Chabad Shliach. He also had a pizza shop on the west side and later became a sofer. Anybody who has lived on the west side for over 20 years has many fond memories of him and his wife, Chana. Yehi Zichro Boruch.