



Congregation Zera Abraham

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Shabbos Parshas VaYechi • 12 Teves • December 30

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

Friday Night Minyan

This Week: Parshas VaYechi, December 30th

Candlelighting: **4:26**

Mincha: **4:31**

Next Week: Parshas Shemos, January 6th

Candlelighting: **4:32**

Mincha: **4:37**

THIS SUNDAY: Atzeres

Tephilla for Rain

The Gedolim in Eretz Yisroel have underscored the need to daaven for rainfall in Eretz Yisroel. Some have indicated to say special tephillos, and some have declared fast days. We will gather this Sunday evening to recite Tehillim to beseech Rachamei Shomayim for the needs of Acheinu Bais Yisroel in Eretz Yisroel.

Maariv at 8:30 followed by Divrei Hisorerus by Rabbi Naftali Seidenfeld and Tehillim at 8:45.

Mazel Tov

To Rabbi Yoil and Dr. Barbara Unger, Dr. Yossie and Mrs. Chana Noa Gelbfish, and parents Rabbi and Mrs. Yitzchok Anshel and Shana Baila Gelbfish on the recent birth of Rivka. May they have much yiddishe nachas!

To Mr. and Mrs. Yochanan and Gloria Crystal upon the birth of their granddaughter, Rochel Leah, to Rabbi Moshe Tzvi and Chana Devorah Crystal in Cincinnati. May they have much yiddishe nachas!

NEXT WEEK: Motzoai Shabbos Melavas with a Shiur

The next Melave Malka for men with a shiur will take place Motzoai Shabbos,

Parshas Shemos, January 6th, 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 13th. with a shiur on the Halachos of Taking Challah – Practical and the Unusual, given by the Rov.

THIS WEEK: Leil Shabbos Parsha Pilpul

The Leil Shabbos Parsha Pilpul will be held this week, Parshas VaYechi, and given by R' Yaakov Zions at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Yochanan Crystal, 1376 Utica Street at 8:00 pm. All men and bochorim are invited.

THIS WEEK: Navi Shiur Resuming this Sunday, December 31st

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 31st at 7:30, followed by Maariv at 8:30.

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 than \$250 will be sent out ly'h in January. If you wish a receipt for your donations totaling less than \$250, please call R' Feivel Gallard at 303-818-5811.

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.

Shovavim Shiurim for Men and for Women

This year's Shovavim Shiurim for married men and for married women by the Rov will take place Wednesday evenings at 8:45 pm during the weeks of Parshas Shemos through Parshas Mishpatim. For women: January 10th and 24th. For men: January 17th and 31st.

The first shiur for women on January 10th will cover halachos of maintaining proper interaction with the opposite gender at the workplace.

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.

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UPCOMING FOR WOMEN JAN 13TH SHIUR

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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND/OR TO SHARE YOUR IDEAS PLEASE CONTACT MR. BORUCH BAXMAN OR MRS. RIVKA BAXMAN.

Classes for Women

Inviting all women to deepen their understanding of stories we've always known in 2 classes! Tribal Affair: Yosef, Yehuda and the Other Shevatim with Rabbi Fleisher from 10am-11am in the Hoffman home, 1582 Winona Ct. Dec. 31: Conflict Resolution: The

Dispute between Yosef and his Brothers and it's Conclusion. **Jan 21:** Tow Leaders, Two Visions: The Unique approaches of Yosef and Yehuda and their Conclusion

Attention Women and Girls

The next Shabbos M'Vorchim Shiur will take place, I"H, January 13, 2018, Shabbos Parshas Va'era, 2:45pm at the home of Mrs. Tova Seligman, 1621 Tennyson. The speaker will be Ms Dasi Indich. Please join us for an inspiring afternoon.

The MB Glassman Learn N' Swim

Join this new exciting program for boys in 4th – 8th grade! This program will take place on Thursday evenings at the JCC. Boys will learn Mishnayos, enjoy delicious Cholent, and finish off with a swim! Starting this coming week January 4th, from 6:50 – 8:30. For more information, R' Sher, info@merkaztorah.org, (303) 335-7331 See flyer for exact dates and details.

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 2nd, at Merkaz, from 8:15 – 9:00 pm. Open to men and women.

OWL Group

Seven members of OWL very much enjoyed their outing to the Denver Art Museum on Wednesday to view "Her Paris", Women Artists in Paris from 1850-1900, in the Age of Impressionism. They toured 12 rooms of lovely, very impressive art created by women. They even had the benefit of a docent who guided their tour and offered additional information to enhance their experience.

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 Daniel Krausz will supervise.

Would you like to improve your Hebrew skills?

The Jewish Experience invites the community to join the next 10-class series of Hebrew Nights, on Monday nights from 7:00-8:15 PM at The Jewish Experience Center. Choose from Hebrew Reading, Reading Comprehension, or Conversational

Shabbos Davening and Learning

Likras Shabbos	Rabbi Berkowitz	4:01
Candlelighting		4:26
Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos		4:31
Ateres	Seidenfeld home	4:30
Parsha Pilpul	R' Y. Zions at Mr. Y. Crystal 1376 Utica	8:00 pm
Mishna Berura	Rav Steinberg	8:00
Shacharis		8:30
Sof Zman Krias Shema		9:04, 9:40
Bnos		2:00
Pirchei		3:10
Sefer HaChinuch	R' Hillel Erlanger	2:00-2:20
Daf Yomi	R' Yoil Unger	2:20-3:20
Shiur- Maseches Pesachim	R' Dovid Zussman	3:20-4:20
Shiur- Sugya Kiddush baMakom Seuda	Rav Steinberg	3:20-4:20
Mincha		4:20
Maariv		5:35
Tefilla Shiur	Rabbi Hoffman	after maariv
Avos U'Bonim	at YTC	6:30

Weekday Davening

Shacharis Sunday	6:30
..... Monday and Thursday	6:10
..... Tues. Wed. and Friday	6:20
Mincha Sunday-Thursday	4:35 followed by shiur
1 st Maariv Sunday-Thursday	after Mincha
2 nd Maariv Sunday-Thursday	8:30

Hebrew/Ulpan. Groups will also be divided by skill level to give everyone the maximum benefit. New series begins January 8, 2018. Sign up at TheJE.com/Hebrew or call 303-316-6412 for more information.

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.

Annual Ladies Melave Malka at Aish

January 6th, 7:45-10:00pm. Bais Yaakov choir performing... Dairy dinner including Sushi served... Mrs. Rochel Goldbaum will speak...variety of goods will be sold including jewelry, makeup, clothing, skin care products, baked goods, hats/wraps/snoods and other accessories! Ladies \$16, Students \$5. Info: Chaya Meyer [303.960.8189](tel:303.960.8189)

Parsha Delight and ספר משעמי 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 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.

Security Tip: With the cold weather, let us make sure our children are dressed properly. Sometimes a child will play in extremely cold weather in the playground even without a jacket. Unfortunately, we have had a lot of illness in our community. Let's do what we can to keep from sharing with each other in this way.

Parsha Delight Question
 ויהי ימי יעקב שבע שנים וארבעים ומאת שנה. And the days of Yaakov were seven years, and forty, and one hundred years (47:28). Regarding Sara Imeinu, it states (23:1) מזה שנה ועשרים שנה ושבע שנים, One hundred years, and twenty years, and seven years. Why is the term "years" stated three times in the context of Sara Imeinu, and with regard to Yaakov Avinu it is stated only twice?

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