



# Congregation Zera Abraham

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*This week's Kiddush is sponsored by Rabbi and Mrs. Hillel and Naomi Erlanger in gratitude for the Chasdei Hashem for his recovery to good health.*

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

## Friday Night Minyan

This Week: Parshas Eikev, July 28<sup>th</sup>

Candlelighting (Earliest, Latest, 18 minutes): **6:43, 7:35, 7:53**

**Mincha: 7:00**

Next Week: Parshas Re'eh, August 4<sup>th</sup>

Candlelighting (Earliest, Latest, 18 minutes): **6:36, 7:20, 7:45**

**Mincha: 6:45**

## Erev Shabbos/Kabalas Shabbos

It is recommended that melacha not be performed on the West Side after the latest minyan recites Mizmor Shir, even when Mizmor Shir is recited well before shkiah. Mizmor Shir is recited approximately 30-35 minutes after the start of Mincha. Please check if the latest minyan for Kabalas Shabbos is in Shul. You can easily calculate the latest recommended time to perform Melacha by looking at the time for Mincha above and adding 30-35 minutes. This concern relates to candle lighting as well.

So, as an example, when Mincha starts at 7:00, it is ideal that melacha and candlelighting take place before 7:35. In a circumstance that that is not possible, candles should still be lit 18 minutes before shkiah, which time is also indicated above.

## Mazel Tov

To Rabbi and Mrs. Zev and Adina Beren upon the birth of their grandson to Rabbi and Mrs. Moshe and Chana Goldstein of Lakewood. AND also upon the birth of their to Rabbi and Mrs. Elly and Nechama Fireworker of Lakewood. May they have much yiddische nachas!

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Minyan for Shachris

There is now and throughout Bein HaZemanim, a second daily Minyan for Shachris at 8:00 am. Borchu at 8:17.

## Kinyan Masechta Time Change

The Shiur now begins at 7:00, followed by Mincha at 7:55.

## Thank You: SEED Programing

Yaasher Koach to all those who made this year's SEED program a great success: The Philadelphia Yeshiva, the bochorim - Moshe Berkowitz, Yossi Isaacson, Yehuda Jacobowitz, Aharon Pomerantz and Yitzky Rothstein. R' Shlomo Kurtz and Mendel Hershkovitz. And all those who hosted for sleeping and meals.

## Attention OWLs

A guided tour of the Molly Brown Summer House is scheduled for August 14, at 12 noon. Bring a snack or lunch to be enjoyed on the outdoor grounds. The fee is \$10.00 per person. Please call Mrs.

Sara Crystal 303-534-1452 or Mrs. Esther Wershaw 303-522-6402 to make a reservation.

## Westside Bus

With gratitude to the Harry S. Beren Foundation we have a new bus for this coming year. It's time to sign up for those who are interested for this wonderful service. Price will be same as last year. For more information please contact Mr. Yanez at [Yisraelyanez@gmail.com](mailto:Yisraelyanez@gmail.com).

## Hamodia Subscriptions Update

We are pleased to share that the new schedule for Hamodia Delivery will be Thursday afternoon (except for holiday weekends). This is a great opportunity to sign up for a new subscription. For your convenience you may subscribe by calling the Hamodia office at 718-853-9094 ext 2, or at [Hamodia.com/subscribe](http://Hamodia.com/subscribe), and inserting your zip code.

## Shul Cook-a-Thon Update

We have had a very gratifying response to the shul Cook a Thon project. There are still some select delicious items left. To inquire, please contact Dr. Jeanne Abrams by email at [jeanne.abrams@du.edu](mailto:jeanne.abrams@du.edu) or call (303) 820-2682. Diners, please remember to call your chefs to make arrangements to pick up your items, and please drop off your payment for your purchase to Dr. Abrams at 1660 Yates Street. And a special thank you to all the talented chefs who so generously offered so many lovely choices.

## Meoros

### Hagedolim

Each week, stories and anecdotes will be shared about a different Gadol, giving us all the opportunity to come to learn about and appreciate our Gedolim of yesterday and today. Each participant will receive a photo of the Gadol discuss that

week to bring home. **This week, TBA**, will be presented by TBA at 6:25 pm, followed by Mincha at 7:00 pm.

## Keshet of the Rockies Dinner

The Keshet of the Rockies 15th Annual Fundraiser Dinner, will take place August 26 at 5:30pm, at BMH-BJ Synagogue, honoring Ellyn Hutt, and Students of the Year will be Eliana Wilkin (DAT), Liat Segev, Maytal Segev, and Mitch Siegel (DJDS), and Benjamin Ortega and Zechariah Ortega (Hillel Academy). Keynote Speaker will be Nathan Schweid. Please call or email Mrs. Lola Zussman, 303-961-4186, [lolashe@aol.com](mailto:lolashe@aol.com), for reservations or further information.

## Mussar Learning! For Men and for Boys

**PROJECT Avreichim**  
DEVELOPING WEST DENVER  
*as a Torah-oriented & fiscally self-sufficient community*

*Join an established, out-of-town Kehilla with incredible opportunity.*

*Learn a profession while maintaining a Torah-oriented schedule.*

**Avreichim Program openings available!**  
Denver's Avreichim program, designed to assist young B'nei Torah families who are seeking to transition into a profession, has 3-4 openings.

This monumental project, in partnership with Yeshiva Toras Chaim, is a most effective and direct approach to developing our Kehilla as a Torah-oriented and fiscally self-sufficient community. Project Avreichim facilitates the moving of young families to our community, by offering a generous stipend for two years. The Avreichim, after learning two full sedorim in Yeshiva Toras Chaim are engaged in coursework, internship and/or part-time work toward a profession which leads to gainful employment after the two years. Graduating candidates work with our placement team to obtain excellent employment positions. The Avreichim daaven all tefillos in our Shul adding to the already special ruach of Zera Avraham, and commit to remain living in our Kehilla for an additional two years thereafter.

**For more information or to suggest candidates, please contact the Rov at (303) 476-3909 or [rabbitzvisteinberg@gmail.com](mailto:rabbitzvisteinberg@gmail.com).**

**For Men:** Each week, 20 minutes before מעריב of שבת מוצאי, learn from the treasured words of הרב הגאון רבי אליהו דסלר זצ"ל, starting from the beginning of the חלק ג', and continuing through the ספר. This week the section פעולות אהבה will be delivered by TBA.

**For Bochorim:** Each week, 20 minutes before מעריב of שבת מוצאי, using the picture based text, "We Want Life", come and learn through the entertaining presentation of Rabbi Menachem Zussman about the important and inspiring halachos of Shmiras Halashon. Each week after Maariv there is a raffle for prizes, and for each week you attend over 5 weeks, you will receive a raffle ticket toward the grand prize: A family pass to Boondocks, or a new bicycle.

**Parsha Delight and מספר מטעמי זרע אברהם**

**Program for Bochorim**  
**מאורות הגדולים**  
 Develop an Appreciation of our Gedolim of Yesterday and Today!  
 Each Shabbos, 35 minutes before Mincha. Each week one specific Gadol will be described with stories and anecdotes.  
 Each bochur that attends will receive a picture of the Gadol discussed that week. For grades 3 and up.  
 Shabbos Parshas Eikev  
**Harav Zecharia Gelley**  
 זצ"ל  
 רב קהל עדת ישירון  
 Presented by R' Dovid Sebbag  
 6:25 pm  
 In the Ezras Nashim followed by Mincha at 7:00 pm

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.

**Shabbos Davening and Learning**

Candlelighting (Earliest, Latest, 18 min).....	6:43, 7:35, 7:53
Mincha .....	7:00
Mishna Berura/Hilchos Yomtov .....	Rav Steinberg.....8:00 am
Shacharis.....	8:30
Sof Zman Krias Shema.....	8:55, 9:31
Sefer HaChinuch.....	R' Hillel Erlanger.....4:15-4:45
Daf Yomi .....	R' Yoil Unger.....4:45-5:45
Pirkei Avos for Women.....	Ms. Dassi Indich.....5:00
Shiur Maseches Pesachim.....	Rabbi Rosskamm.....5:45-6:45
Shiur Maseches Shabbos .....	Rav Steinberg.....5:45-6:45
Meoros HaGedolim .....	R' Dovid Sebbag.....6:25
Pirkei Avos for Men .....	Rav Steinberg.....6:45
Mincha .....	7:00
<b>Shmiras Halashon Program for boys .....</b>	<b>Rabbi M. Zussman.....8:40</b>
<b>Michtav Mai'Eliyahu for Men .....</b>	<b>Rabbi Hillel Erlanger ..8:40</b>
Maariv .....	9:00
Tefilla Shiur .....	Rabbi Hoffman .....after maariv

**Weekday Davening**

Shacharis Sunday.....	6:30, 8:00
..... Monday and Thursday .....	6:10, 8:00
..... Tues. Wed. and Friday .....	6:20, 8:00
<b>Mincha .....</b>	<b>Sunday-Thursday .....</b>
<b>Maariv .....</b>	<b>Sunday-Thursday .....</b>
Daf Yomi .....	R' Yoil Unger ...M-F at 5:20 am, Sun at 7:20 am
Kinyan Masechta Kesubos.....	Rabbi Seligman..... M-Th..... 7:10 pm
Kinyan Masechta Review.....	Rav Steinberg ..... Sun..... 9:00 am
Chabura Shmiras Halashon ....	Rabbi M. Zussman ... M-Th..... after Maariv
Night Seder.....	Sun-Thurs ..... 7:30 pm
Partners in Torah.....	Tues ..... 7:30 pm

**מטעמי פרשה פרשת עקב Parsha Delight Question**

Rashi on the possuk (10:17), ולא יקה שוחד, explains, לפייסו בממון - this means that Hashem cannot be appeased with money. Doesn't that sound somewhat silly? What need would Hashem have for money? Imagine the possuk would state that Hashem cannot be appeased with a slice of cherry pie - would that not be laughable?

**NEW SHIUR ON THE SEFER**  
**מכתב מאליהו**  
 PARSHAS EIKEV:  
**מלחמת היצר: פעולות אהבה ויראה בנסינות**  
 DELIVERED BY RABBI HILLEL ERLANGER  
 8:40 PM  
 Each week, 20 minutes before מעריב of שבת מוצאי, learn from the treasured words of הרב הגאון רבי אליהו דסלר זצ"ל, starting from the beginning of the חלק ג', and continuing through the ספר.  
 מספרים will be provided.

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**WE WANT LIFE**  
 WRITTEN BY RABBI YISROEL GREENWALD  
 Each week, 20 minutes before מעריב of שבת מוצאי, using the picture based text, "We Want Life", come and learn through the entertaining presentation of Rabbi Menachem Zussman about the important and inspiring halachos of Shmiras Halashon. This Week at 8:48.  
 Each week after Maariv there will be a raffle for prizes, and for each week you attend over 5 weeks, you will receive a raffle ticket toward the Grand prize: Either a family pass to Boondocks, or a new bicycle.  
 מספרים will be provided.



R-L: Rabbi Tzvi Steinberg, *Mara d'Asra* of Congregation Zera Avraham in Denver, learning with Rabbi Shlomo Kurtz, one of the *yungeleit* who moved to Denver as part of Project Avreichim.



*Yungeleit* who moved to Denver as part of Project Avreichim learning *Shemiras Halashon*. (L-R): Rabbi Shlomo Kurtz, Rabbi Binyomin Seligman, and Rabbi Menachem Zussman.

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### Project Avreichim in Denver a Great Success

"This monumental project, a partnership between Congregation Zera Avraham and Yeshiva Toras Chaim of Denver, is a most effective and direct approach to developing our *kehillah* as a Torah-oriented and fiscally self-sufficient community," remarked Rabbi Tzvi Steinberg, Rav of Congregation Zera Avraham in Denver, in describing the success of Project Avreichim.

This unique project, which is nearing the completion of its first extremely successful round, facilitates the moving of young families to Denver's West Side community, by offering the family a generous stipend for two years.

During this time, the *avreich* spends part of the day learning in Yeshiva Toras Chaim, and then can spend his remaining time engaged in coursework or training toward a profession which leads to gainful



Rabbi Dovid Sauer (R), one of the *yungeleit* who moved to Denver as part of Project Avreichim, with Mr. Bob Wershaw in Congregation Zera Avraham.

employment after the two years. (A proper plan for education and job goals is part of the application process of each *avreich*.)

At the completion of the two-year stipend period, the *avreichim* are assisted with job placement, and they are committed to remaining in the Denver community for an

additional two years.

During the four-year period, the *avreichim* *daven* all *tefillot* at Zera Avraham, which enhances the already special *ruach* of this century-old *kehillah*.

Project Avreichim strives to welcome the *avreichim* in every way possible, and ease their transition

to their new home. Consequently, the project assists with housing placement and job placement for the wives. In terms of professional development, local *baalei batim* assist the *avreichim* in building relationships with others in the field of their choice.

The first four families, who have all been in Denver for three to four years, have completed the stipend period, secured positions in the field of their choice, and have become contributing members of the *kehillah*. These families are Rabbi and Mrs. Yitzky Herskovits, Rabbi and Mrs. Shlomo Kurtz, Rabbi and Mrs. Dovid Sauer and Rabbi and Mrs. Binyomin Seligman.

Rabbi Sauer explains how the project impacted his family. "We were ready to move back from Eretz Yisrael, but were not sure where to go," remarked Rabbi Sauer.

"It is often difficult to fit into a larger community, especially once you have several children. The small community in Denver made it easy to adapt, and with the part-time learning and stipend offered

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by Project Avreichim, the transition was much easier.

"Denver is a welcoming community, and we felt at home right away. In addition, in a small community like this, each person feels important. Each time I come to shul, I feel like I count. If anyone is looking to make a difference in a community, this is a great place to try out."

Being able to learn in a well-established yeshiva such as Yeshiva Toras Chaim is a big advantage for the *avreichim*. As Rabbi Binyamin Seligman, added, "One of the highlights of the program is to be able to learn in the yeshiva and gain a *shaychus* to the *Rosh Yeshiva*, Harav Yisroel Meir Kagan, *shlita*, a *talmid* of Harav Aaron Kotler, *zt"l*."

Rabbi Steinberg explains that the project has been successful on all accounts, for the *avreichim*, the yeshiva, the shul, and the community at large.

"The *avreichim* are strongly Torah-oriented *baalei batim*, and have brought a paradigm shift of Torah values to the shul and the community. Furthermore, they are passionate about what our local *mosdos* represent, and they have become actively involved in many ways.

"This is creating a cultural change in the community, as it is bringing youthful energy to the *kehillah*. As a result, the community has become more attractive to others, and there has been a recent influx of young families."

Rabbi Ahron Yisroel Wasserman, CEO of Yeshiva Toras Chaim, asserts, "The yeshiva has always been involved in building the Denver community, and especially, has a passion for building Torah in the community.

"This transitional Avreichim Project has turned out to be a great way to bring *Torahdig baalei batim* to the community and easing them into the workforce, while building the community. This first round was a great success, with wonderful, solid families, who have truly enhanced the Denver Jewish community in many ways."

The Denver community is now seeking to bring in another group of four families to join the second phase of Project Avreichim.

For more information, please contact Rabbi Steinberg at Zera Avraham at 720-904-2406.

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM HARAV AVIGDOR MILLER ZATZA" L

### Q: Should one sleep on Shabbos afternoon?

A: Absolutely. Absolutely! However, that doesn't mean that you should climb into your pajamas and remain there all Shabbos. Because Shabbos is a wonderful opportunity for much better things than sleep. By the way, you should know that sleep is extremely important for our health. It's extremely important for our mental health. And it's being neglected by very many people. So Shabbos is a good opportunity to catch up on your sleep. Because of Shabbos, many people are able to survive the week. Otherwise, they would collapse for lack of sleep. So certainly you should utilize Shabbos for sleep. But of course, don't overdo it. And by the way, since you mentioned the subject, I will tell you that you must be careful to go to sleep every night on time. And make sure that you get enough sleep, because due to lack of sleep, many, many people have ruined their lives. TAPE #E-190

### Q: Should we ignore the yetzer ha'rah or should we look to outsmart him?

A: The yetzer ha'rah, you have to know, is able to wage war on all fronts. You can't ignore the yetzer harah; it's impossible! But what you can do is to put your mind on what's important. That's not called ignoring. Like the Rambam says, a man who has Torah in his mind, he's not as vulnerable to the foolishness of the yetzer ha'rah as a man with an empty head is. A man with an empty head, he's the one who is easy pickings for the yetzer ha'rah.

When your mind is full of Torah and idealism it's a different thing altogether. You're walking down the avenue thinking about the chesed Hashem in the briyah, you're thinking about the Avos and the Imahos, about yetzias Mitzrayim— there's so much to fill your mind with. And once your mind is filled, there's no room for the foolishness of the yetzer ha'rah. But just ignoring it? No, there's no such thing. But by going ahead and filling your head with what's right, that kind of ignoring, absolutely you should do. That's the real way to fight the milchama against the yetzer ha'rah! You fill your mind with ideals, with mussar, with yiras shamayim. You fill your mind with what it means to be an ish shaleim, even in lomdus. A man who's anxious for lomdus, he's not thinking about the foolishness of the *ליידיגייער*, the empty fellow, who has nothing to think about and therefore all the foolishness of the world, enter his head. What is this thing that's so enticing? There's nothing to it! It's only imagination, nothing but dimyonos, nothing but imagination. But if you have an empty head, then nature abhors a vacuum, and your head will fill up very quickly with all the foolish dimyonos of this world. TAPE # 613

### Q: What should one think about on his birthday?

A: Ahhh! There's such a great deal to think about! The first thing is to spend time appreciating that you're still alive. It's a pleasure to be alive. I look back on my own history and I see many people I knew, who passed away. People who passed away young. Nebach, nebach, nebach. A friend of mine, fourteen years old, passed away. At the age of fourteen he was gone. Another friend – when he was a little older. So you have to thank Hashem on every birthday for the wonderful gift of another year. Now, don't make a party. No, no. Don't make a party for yourself. But think about that gift on your birthday.

And a second thing to think about is that you must realize that a birthday means that you are in debt to Hakodosh Boruch Hu. The older you are, the bigger is your obligation to serve Hakodosh Boruch Hu and to thank Him. So if Hakodosh Boruch Hu gave you another year, you'd better get busy accomplishing. Because life is passing you by. The wealth of life is when you're young. The older you get the poorer you are because you have less time to accomplish. There's so much that you have to accomplish in life. So many valuable things to do; there are so many things to accomplish and time is running out. Another year just went by!

If you would learn one Ktzos Ha'Choshen every week, as the years go by you'd become a baki in Ktzos Ha'Choshen. Do you know what kind of a happiness that is?! I guarantee you that it's a happiness. A real happiness! But you have to start sometime.

And therefore, as the years pass by, you should become more and more concerned about accomplishing. I know that you might not believe so, but you're not going to live forever. There are all kinds of achievements that you should be striving for. All kinds of achievements! And life is a happiness because it is an opportunity to achieve the perfection in service of Hashem. And it is the only opportunity that you're going to have! TAPE #E-234