



Congregation Zera Abraham

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This week's Kiddush is sponsored by the Shul in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Avrohom and Sara Weitz and family

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

Friday Night Minyan

This Week: Parshas VaYeshev, December 9th

Candlelighting: 4:18

Mincha: 4:23

Next Week: Parshas Miketz,
December 16th

Candlelighting: 4:19

Mincha: 4:24

Welcome and Kiddush

This week's Kiddush is sponsored as a Bruchim Habaim to Mr. and Mrs. Avrohom and Sara Weitz and family who have moved to our Kehilla this week. We are so pleased you have chosen our community as your home. Hatzlacha!

Menorah Lighting with our "Lichtige" Children

All children are invited to participate in the lighting of the Menorah in the Shul, each night of Chanukah between mincha and maariv, at @ 4:45 p.m., accompanied by singing and nosh. If you would like to provide the nosh for an evening of Chanukah, please contact Rabbi Chaim Abrams at 303-667-9565.

Motzoai Shabbos Melavas with a Shiur

Thank you to all who have made the first Melava Malkas with a Shiur tremendous successes! The presentations by Rabbi Tuvia Negreann for the Men's Melava Malka, and by Rabbi Yisroel Rosskamm and Rabbi Michoel Fleishman for the women's Melava Malka were excellent and thoroughly enjoyed.

The next Melava Malka for men will take place Motzoai Shabbos, Parshas Vayigash, December 23rd, tentatively with a Shiur by Rabbi Avrohom Aver Jacobs, Rav Kehillas Bais Yisroel on the subject of Bris Milah, and for women, Motzoai Shabbos Parshas VaYeichi, December 30th. Details will be forthcoming.

Starting this Week: Shabbos Afternoon by the Rov

Now, one hour before Mincha each Shabbos afternoon, the Rov will give a shiur on the subject of Kiddush B'Makom Seuda. The shiur will start from the Sugyos and Rishonim, and continue through the Shulchan Oruch and Mishna Berura, and until practical halacha.

Leil Shabbos Parsha Pilpul

The Leil Shabbos Parsha Pilpul will be held this week, Parshas VaYeshev, and given by Rabbi Binyomin Seligman at 8:00 pm at his home, 1621 Tennyson Street. All men and bochurim are invited.

Navi Shiur Resuming after Chanukah!

Off to an excellent start! 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 haftorah 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. After Chanukah starting with Shiras Chanah.

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.

SPECIAL SHAILAH THIS WEEK about a Parah Adumah born in Colorado last month. See the picture of the Parah Adumah and her mother.

Hillel Academy Chinese Auction

Show your support and have a fun adults' night out at the Hillel Academy PTA 2017 Chinese Auction, on Sunday, Dec. 10, at EDOS! Doors open @5:30, followed by a catered dinner @6:30, with Rabbi Serebryanski Emcee'ing, with non-stop laughs and fun, auction drawing of almost 50 prizes @7:30. You've got great odds of winning & tons of door prizes. If you can't attend, you can still buy tickets and win (prices starting at only \$5) at www.hillelauction.com!



Chanukah Mesiba/Joint Community Partners in Torah

Taking place of the night of Zos Chanukah, Tuesday night, December 19th, beginning with an exciting children's fire and magic show at 5:45 and a guest speaker for the adults, followed by "decorate your own doughnut" for children and delicious refreshments at 6:30 and then music and dancing. Then starting at 7:15, there will be a special joint Partners in Torah learning session, where both the Partners in Torah group which meets at the Shul, and the Partners in Torah group which meets at the Jewish Experience will all get together to learn and enjoy the tremendous ruach of Torah together! Followed by Maariv at 8:30.

Attention Women and Girls

The next Shabbos M'Vorchim Dvar Torah will take place, I"H, December 16, Shabbos Chanukah, Parshas Mekeitz, 2:45pm at the home of Mrs. Chana Rudnick, 1400 Utica Street. The Speaker will be Mrs. Aliza Bulow. Please join us.

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 four part shiur will take place Tuesdays, December 19th, and January 2nd, at Merkaz, from 8:15 – 9:00 pm. Shiurim are 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

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.

week Rabbi Naftali Seidenfeld will supervise.

YTC Bookstore

The store is fully stocked with all your Chanukah needs. Please call 720-881-2740 for an appointment before Chanukah.

Chanukah Night at the Children's Museum!

Exclusively for us! Special Chanukah activities and refreshments. Thursday, December 14th, 5-8pm. For more information and to buy tickets:

www.chabadcolorado.com/museum

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

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.

Security (Health) Tip:

The flu virus has spread in our community. It is important we all take proper measures to insure we don't pass this illness to others. Simple precautions can make a big difference. Don't leave your tissues on the tables. Make sure to cover your mouth and nose when sneezing and coughing. If you develop even minor symptoms, call your doctor immediately to get the proper medication right away.

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.

A Message from the Board

Dear Members,

Like most of us on the West Side, the Shul's roof received extensive damage and needs to be replaced. B"H the insurance company has agreed to replace the Shul roof. However, according to code, the insulation on the shul roof can no longer be flat, but must have a slight slope to drain the water. The problem the Shul runs into is when you add pitch to the roof it leads to the rooftop A.C. units on the roof being too low and therefore the units must be lifted off the roof by a crane and the stands raised and the units repositioned back on the roof. B"EH the insurance company will pay for this to happen.

While we could just reinstall all the current units we have, 3 of the units are on their last legs. The one in the Ezras Noshim no longer produces heat, and two more units will not last much longer. It would be the most economical to replace 3 units while the insurance is paying for the cranes and save the future cost of having to hire a crane.

The cost of three new units is approximately \$25,000. Once we are doing new units, it would be fitting to finally put a proper unit into the Rov's office so that the Rov could have proper quiet and efficient heating and air-conditioning. It would also be beneficial to explore cooling in the kitchen during the summer months. It would be nice to only bake items in the ovens, not those trying to bake them.

The shul B"H, under the leadership of the Rov, has created many wonderful programs during the year which the Shul does not charge to attend. There is also the weekly Kiddush and winter Shalosh Seudos, which when not sponsored the costs add up very quickly.

The Shul has depleted most of its reserve funds and once we are engaging the membership in a capital campaign drive it would make sense to simultaneously raise fund for programming. The board has set the target amount at \$50,000.

Attached are pledge forms for members to fill out to pledge to help us raise our goal. The pledges can be spread out over time. We ask all to pledge what they can with the idea of paying them over the next two years. For example: If one were to pledge \$50 a month for two years, such a pledge would go greatly towards reaching our goal.

Please return your pledge for to any board member. We thank you in advance for your generosity in helping maintain the Shul, so that we can all reach our full potential together.

Sincerely,

The Board of Zera Abraham

Pledge Form

Donor Information

Name _____
Billing address _____
City, State Zip Code _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Pledge Information

I (we) pledge a total of \$ _____ to be paid: now monthly quarterly yearly.

I (we) plan to make this contribution in the form of: cash check credit card automatic bank withdrawal.

Credit card number _____

Credit card expiration, code _____

Authorized signature _____

Signature(s): _____

Date: _____

Please make checks payable to: CZA, 1560 Winona Court, Denver, CO 80204

Shabbos Davening and Learning

Likras Shabbos	Rabbi Berkowitz	3:53
Candlelighting		4:18
Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos		4:23
Ateres	Seidenfeld home	4:20
Parsha Pilpul	Rabbi Seligman at his home	8:00
Mishna Berura	Rav Steinberg	8:00
Shacharis		8:30
Sof Zman Krias Shema		8:51, 9:27
Bnos		2:00
Pirchei		3:00
Sefer HaChinuch	R' Hillel Erlanger	1:50-2:10
Daf Yomi	R' Yoil Unger	2:10-3:10
Shiur- Maseches Pesachim	Rabbi Rosskamm	3:10-4:10
Shiur – Sugya Kiddush b'Makom Seuda	Rav Steinberg	3:10-4:10
Mincha		4:10
Maariv		5:26
Tefilla Shiur	Rabbi Hoffman	after maariv
Avos U'Bonim	at YTC	6:30-7:15

Weekday Davening

Shacharis Sunday	6:30
..... Monday and Thursday	6:10
..... Tues. Wed. and Friday	6:20
Mincha Sunday-Thursday	4:25 followed by shiur
1 st Maariv Sunday-Thursday	after Mincha
2 nd 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	

מטעמי זרע אברהם פרשת וישלח

Last Week's Question:

וגם הלך לקראתך וארבע מאות איש עמו And he (Esav) is also heading toward you (Yaakov), and four hundred men are with him (32:7). Is there a reason why Esav chose to bring specifically 400 people? Why not more? Why not less? And if indeed the number 400 is significant, than why didn't he bring 399 men, which together with Esav himself is 400? Why would he need 401?!

Answers Received:

• 400 men is a standard number for a troop of men. In Shmuel Aleph Perek 22 Posuk 2 it states that David HaMelech gathered that many men ויתקבצו אליו כל איש מצוק וכל איש אשר לו נשא וכל

Similarly, איש מר נפש ויהי עליהם לשר ויהיו עמו כארבע מאות איש. there in Perek 25 Possuk 13 it states, ויאמר דוד לאנשיו חגרו איש את חרבו ויחגרו גם דוד את חרבו ויעלו אחרי דוד את חרבו ויחגרו איש את חרבו ויחגרו גם דוד את חרבו ויעלו אחרי דוד כארבע מאות איש. So, we see that this is a standard number for a group of soldiers, with a general to lead them.

• In Parshas Lech Lecha (15:13) Hashem tells אברהם אבינו that ויאמר לאברהם ידע. his offspring will be enslaved for 400 years. תדע כי גר יהיה זרעך בארץ לא להם ועבדם וענו אתם ארבע מאות שנה Esav was volunteering to be the "nation" to enslave the בני ישראל, and fulfilling the 400 years through these enslavement and torture by these 400 men.

Parsha Delight Question מטעמי פרשה פרשת וישב

And Yosef brought the bad talk about them (his brothers) to their father. Why does it say to their father, wasn't their father his father too? He could have stated אל אביו, to his (Yosef's) father.