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This week's Eruv is sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Robert and Esther Wershaw

l'n Yehudit bat Eliezer (Mrs. Julia Verderber) a"h, whose Yahrtzeit is 16 Cheshvon

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by the Chasanei Torah and Chasanei Beraishis, R' Hillel Erlanger, R' Dovid Zussman, R' Yisroel Yanez and the Rov, and their families.

This week's Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Rabbi and Mrs. Avi and Sari Wilen.

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

Friday Night Minyan

This Week: Parshas Chayei Sara, November 11th

Candlelighting: 4:30

Mincha: 4:45

Next Week: Parshas Toldos, November 18th

Candlelighting: 4:25

Mincha: 4:30

Next Week: Special Welcome Kiddush

With great excitement, all are invited to a special Kiddush to take place next week to welcome all the new members of our Kehilla, including, but not limited to:

- Rabbi and Mrs. Yosef and Bracha Melamed and family,
- Mr. and Mrs. Josh and Chana Chava Ford,
- Rabbi and Mrs. Yaakov and Esty Orloff and family,
- Mr. Dovid Ort,
- Mr. Mendel Hershkowitz,
- Dr. Pinchas Castillo
- Mr. and Mrs. Menachem and Tova Zussman and family.

We also look forward to welcoming:

- Mr. and Mrs. Avraham Weitz and family later this month, IY"H.

In addition, we look forward to when

- Mr. and Mrs. Paul and Pam Smith, who have recently joined our Shul, will very soon move into the neighborhood. Welcome to all! May we together always share many simchos.

Attention Women and Girls

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

This Shabbos: Leil Shabbos Parsha Pilpul

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

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.

NEW MOTZOAI SHABBOS MELAVE MALKAS WITH A SHIUR!

Starting next Motzoai Shabbos, and on a regular basis, there will be a Melave Malka with a special Shiur on different topics. There will be one cycle for men, once every four weeks, and one for women, once every four weeks.

Next week, **Motzoai Shabbos Toldos**, November 18th, there will be a Melava Malka and a special shiur for men at the Shul at 8:30 pm on the topic of "Making Tefillin" given by our local sofer, **Rabbi Tuvia Negreann**. The next Melava Malka and Shiur for men will take place 4 weeks thereafter.

The Melave Malka and Special shiur for women will take place Motzoai Shabbos VaYetzei, November 25th. The shiur will be on subject of "Checking Fruits and Vegetables for Bugs", speaker and special location TBA. The next MM and Shiur for women will take place 4 weeks thereafter. For more information and/or to share your ideas please contact Rabbi Chaim Abrams and/or Mrs. TBA.

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 Chaim Abrams will supervise.

Shul Kitchen Kashrus

The Shul Kitchen is now under the Supervision of the Bais Din of the Rov, Bais Din Neve Tzedek. Please forward all kashrus Shailos relating to the Kitchen to him. As in the past, all food items brought into the Kitchen must be shown to the kitchen chairperson, now Rabbi Dovid Sauer, to the Rov or to their designee. Please bear in mind, that due to this change some kashrus policies have also changed.

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.

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 Event

Welcome to the "Outstanding Wise Ladies' Group", geared to young-at-heart senior women, organizing monthly active, craft, cultural, shiur and socializing opportunities.

The kick-off OWL event, a Pot-Luck Luncheon, will take place, iy"H, on Rosh Chodesh Kislev, Sunday, November 19th 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. The luncheon will be followed by an article review and discussion led by Mrs. Ruth Hyman and a distribution of the OWL Event Calendar.

To RSVP and participate in the

פרשה פלפול

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All men and bochorim invited!

luncheon, please call Mrs. Sara Crystal, 303.534.1452.

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.

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.

YTC Shabbos Shel Chizuk: Reserve the Date

Yeshiva Toras Chaim Shabbos of Chizuk Across Denver is coming to the West Side of Denver on November 25th, Shabbos Parshas Vayetzei. Join the Leil Shabbos Oneg and other programming and be inspired by Divrei Torah together with YTC Roshei Yeshiva and Rebbeim. Details to follow.

Kashrus Alert

Izzio's Cherry Almond Bread was mistakenly labelled as Scroll K certified. This product found in the 5 Scroll K-certified King Soopers IS kosher certified. If this product is found in any other establishment, it IS NOT Scroll K certified. Corrective measures have been taken.

Security Tips:

There have been a few incidents this past week with active shooters. An active shooter is someone who comes to your location and just starts shooting. We have been very fortunate not to have a situation like this. Keeping our door shut and locked is necessary to afford our shul some form of protection. Supervising our children so as not to continually be coming in and out of the shul is also important. Keeping the doors open for an extended period of time is unsafe. Chas v'Shalom, should an incident of an active shooting occur, we must make sure to GET DOWN and let the security people take care of this to the best of their ability based on the circumstances. Let us not take security for granted. It is everyone's responsibility to keep our shul and community safe.

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.

Shabbos Davening and Learning

Likras Shabbos	Rabbi Berkowitz.....	4:00
Candlelighting		4:30
Ateres.....	Seidenfeld home.....	4:35
Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos.....		4:35
Mishna Berura.....	Rav Steinberg.....	8:00
Shacharis		8:30
Sof Zman Krias Shema		8:33, 9:09
Bnos.....		2:00
Pirchei.....		3:10
Sefer HaChinuch	R' Hillel Erlanger.....	2:00-2:20
Daf Yomi.....	R' Yoil Unger.....	2:20-3:20
Gemara Shiur- Maseches Pesachim....	Rabbi Rosskamm ...	3:20-4:20
Gemara Shiur - Maseches Shabbos ...	Rav Steinberg.....	3:20-4:20
Mincha.....		4:20
Maariv		5:38
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.....	4:30 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'Eliyahu .R' Y. Yanez.....	Sun		6:20 pm
Night Seder.....	Sun-Thurs....		7:30 pm
Partners in Torah.....	Tues		7:30 pm

Parsha Delight Question פרשת חיי שרה

The Gemorah is Kiddushin 2a gives as the source that a betrothal is effected through money from this week's Parsha. A betrothal is called קידוח, as it states, כי יקח איש אשה (Dev. 22:13), and in this Parsha it states, נתתי כסף השדה קח ממני, I give the price of the field, accept it from me (23:13), and the term יקח or קח, means - acquisition, as it states, השדה אשר קנה אברהם, the field which Avraham acquired. This is challenging, as it seems somewhat strange to connect these two lifecycle moments. Why, of all places to derive that one marries (acquires) a wife through money, should it be derived from when Avraham Avinu was acquiring a gravesite for his wife?!

מטעמי זרע אברהם פרשת וירא

Last Week's Question: ויאמר ה' אל אברהם למה זה צחק 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?

Answer Received:

- Although Sara Imeinu was greater as a נביאה, a prophetess, however we do not find that Hashem spoke directly to a woman.
- Hearing it directly from Hashem could be more challenging then to hear the remonstrance from Avraham Avinu.
- Avraham Avinu had heard the news of their having a child directly from Hashem. Ramban explains that Avraham Avinu had not told Sara Imeinu what he had heard, and that therefore she only got news from the visitors that she will conceive. This could explain her incredulity. So, Avraham Avinu was therefore asked by Hashem - why is she incredulous? Why didn't you tell her yourself?