



# Congregation Zera Abraham

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*This week's Eruv is sponsored by Rav and Rebetzin Steinberg in honor of their mechutanim, Rabbi and Mrs. Ephraim Shraga and Dina Shain, and in honor of the chosson and kallah, Menachem Shloime and Chaya Nomi Shain.*

*This week's Kiddush is sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Mordechai and Rachel Mishory.*

*This week's Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Avraham and Rivka Grossman l'n Shimon Henich ben Avraham a"h, and Chaya Leah bas Issar a"h.*

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

## Friday Night Minyan

This Week: Parshas VaYishlach, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Candlelighting: **4:18**

**Mincha: 4:23**

Next Week: Parshas VaYeshev, December 9<sup>th</sup>

Candlelighting: **4:18**

**Mincha: 4:23**

## Mazel Tov and Open House Sheva Brachos

Mazel tov to the Rov and Rebbetzin upon the marriage of their daughter, Chaya Nomi to Menachem Shloime Shain. All are invited to an open house Sheva Brachos to take place, Motzoai Shabbos Parshas VaYishlach, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. David and Sivia Fine and Mr. and Mrs. Allan and Helena Striker at the home of the Fines, 1664 Wolfe Street. From 7:45– 10:00 pm. May they have much yiddishe nachas!

## 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 Melave Malke for men will take place Motzoai Shabbos, Parshas Vayigash, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, and for women, Motzoai Shabbos Parshas VaYechi, December 30<sup>th</sup>. Details will be forthcoming.

## New Shiur: 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. Next week, Parshas VaYishlach the will take plus an introductory shiur on the subject.

## Leil Shabbos Parsha Pilpul

The Leil Shabbos Parsha Pilpul will be held next week, Parshas VaYeshev, and given by Rabbi Binyomin Seligman at 8:00 pm at location TBA.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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](http://www.hillelauction.com)!

## Reserve the Date: Chanukah Mesiba/Joint Community Partners in Torah

Taking place of the night of Zos Chanukah, Tuesday night, December 19th, beginning with a children's program at 5:45 and a guest speaker for the adults, followed by 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, l"H, December 16, Shabbos Chanukah, Parshas Mekeitz, 2:45pm. The Speaker will be Mrs. Aliza Bulow. Location TBA. Please join us.

## The OWL Group

A beautiful afternoon luncheon was enjoyed by nearly 20 women, sharing delicious food, camaraderie, inspiring conversation, and good cheer. A thought provoking article discussion on the topic of "Aging Gracefully", was masterfully moderated by Mrs. Ruth Hyman. Mrs. Esther Wershaw shared the group calendar of events, and gave out individual surveys of suggested activities to incorporate into the calendar.

For more information, to receive an OWL calendar, or to participate in group activities, please contact Mrs. Esther Wershaw at 303.820.2300. Look out for information regarding the next OWL luncheon.

## 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 5th & 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 week TBA 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

## Shabbos Davening and Learning

|   |                          |              |
|---|--------------------------|--------------|
| Likras Shabbos .....                      | Rabbi Berkowitz .....    | 3:55         |
| Candlelighting .....                      |                          | 4:18         |
| Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos .....              |                          | 4:23         |
| Ateres .....                              | Seidenfeld home .....    | 4:25         |
| Mishna Berura .....                       | Rav Steinberg .....      | 8:00         |
| Shacharis .....                           |                          | 8:30         |
| Sof Zman Krias Shema .....                |                          | 8:46, 9:22   |
| 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

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|--|------------------------|
| Shacharis Sunday .....                       | 6:30                   |
| ..... Monday and Thursday .....              | 6:10                   |
| ..... Tues. Wed. and Friday .....            | 6:20                   |
| Mincha .... Sunday-Thursday .....            | 4:25 followed by shiur |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Maariv Sunday-Thursday ..... | after Mincha           |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Maariv Sunday-Thursday ..... | 8:30                   |

## Weekday Learning

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 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      |

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.

## Security Tips:

The days are shorter now which means it is getting darker much sooner. Let us make sure our children are not out after dark without reflective clothing or belts, and when walking, even during the day, let them walk in groups. Safety in numbers!

## 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.

## 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.

### מטעמי פרשה פרשת וישלח Parsha Delight 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?!

### A Message from our friends, Dr. and Mrs. Mordechai and Rachel Mishory

It is our turn now to express our hakaras hatov to the West Side Denver community that has nurtured us for 26 years, to grow as bnei Torah, as human beings, and as a family. We came to the kehilla on a psak: the psak was to move to Denver, to the West Side. We asked the Rabbonim why specifically here and they said because in Denver you will be needed. We believe with a full heart that this psak was not just for and about us; that everyone who moves to this kehilla has the same opportunity. Each one of you is needed and that is why it is so special to live here. Each one of you has important parts of yourself to contribute to the klal and that is the real reason you are here. We are eternally grateful to have had the opportunity to contribute for 26 meaningful years and we leave a kehilla that is far stronger than it was when we came; also let us share with you the other part of the psak we received: why this kehilla? The Rabbonim said because there (in Denver-on the West Side) they know they are not yet in Olam Haba. We have always understood that to mean that this community is as precious to the Ribbono shel Olam as it is precarious: the Ribbono shel Olam keeps constant watch on it. And so, while you are now stronger than anyone imagined possible, your work is not done, you are needed, and we urge you to put your unique kochos to the service of continuing to build this kehilla. May the work of your hands be blessed as we have been blessed by having been part of your history.