

# Congregation Zera Abraham

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Shabbos Parshas Re'eh • 30 Menachem Av • August 11<sup>th</sup>

*This week's Kiddush is sponsored by Mrs. Clara Elefant*

*l'n her late husband, Dr. Elefant, Zev Yehuda ben Myer a"h.*

*This week's Eruv is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Witzum.*

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

## Friday Night Minyan

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

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

**Mincha: 6:45**

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

Candlelighting (Earliest, Latest, 18 minutes): **6:29, 7:20, 7:35**

**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.

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

**Arreichim 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.

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

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

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

## Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov To Mr. and Mrs. Mordechai and Debbie Berger upon the engagement of their son, Ephraim, to Zeldia Bernstein of North Miami Beach, FL. And Mazel Tov to the grandmother, Mrs. Lizzie Berger. May they have much yiddishe nachas!

To Rabbi and Mrs. Avi Wilen upon the marriage of their children, Akiva and Aviva Wilen. May they have much yiddishe nachas!

## Mazel Tov and Kiddush

Rabbi and Mrs. Aron Yehuda Schwab invite the entire community to join them in the celebration of their son Eliezer's Bar Mitzvah this Sunday 11 AM – 1 PM at the Ethel A. Beren Building, 1261 Zenobia St.

## 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.

## Two Minyanim For Mincha and Two Minyanim for Maariv

As the shkiah is moving earlier, there is now once again two Minyanim for Maariv. The first follows the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mincha at approximately 8:10, and the second is at 8:30. The two minyanim for Mincha continue; the first at 7:15, the second this week at 7:45.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mincha ..... 7:15
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mincha ..... 7:45
- 1<sup>st</sup> Maariv ..... @ 8:10
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Maariv ..... 8:30

## Kinyan Masechta Time Change – 6:45

The Shiur now begins at 6:45, followed by Mincha at 7:45.

## THIS WEEK: Navi Shiur

This Sunday at 7:30 (Maariv at 8:30) the Navi Shiurim Series by R' Yoil Unger continues. **Now in**

**Sefer Melachim**, 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. For questions and additional information please inquire with R' Yoil Unger.

**Attention OWLs 🦉 this Tuesday**

A guided tour of the Molly Brown Summer House is scheduled for this Tuesday, August 14, at 3:00PM, IY'H. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME. It is suggested that we arrive there an hour earlier to get a chance to chat and enjoy the grounds before the tour. There is a \$10.00 charge. Bring a drink and/or snacks if you wish. Departure time begins approximately at 1:20 PM in order to allow time for pickup and drive time. Drivers are Mrs. Chana Rudnick 303-534-0510, Mrs. Dobbie Roskamm 303-534-2947 and Mrs. Esther Wershaw 303-522-6402. Please call and reserve your ride.

**Westside Bus**

With gratitude to the Harry H. Beren ZB 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).

**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.

**Farewell Gathering**

Ladies and children are invited to a farewell gathering in honor of Mrs. Rochie Krausz this Shabbos from 5:00 - 6:30 in Mrs. Aviva Polter's backyard.

**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, Harav Avrohom Pam zatz"l**, will be presented by R' Yisroel Yanez at 6:25 pm, followed by Mincha at 7:00 pm.

**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 Re'eh  
**Harav Avraham Yaakov Pam זצ"ל**  
 ראש הישיבה תורה ודעת  
 Presented by R' Yisroel Yanez  
 6:25 pm  
 In the Ezras Nashim followed by Mincha at 7:00 pm

**Girl's and Co.**

Girls Fall/ Winter clothing sizes 3-18. Shabbos and weekday apparel. Very moderately priced. Sunday, August 19, 1- 4 pm; Wednesday, August 22, 6 – 8 pm; location to follow. Questions? Call or text Mrs. Rivky Kaplan 732-730-1450. This is a not-for-profit project of Agudath Israel of Colorado to service the community. Any proceeds (in any) are for Tzedakah.

**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**

**For Men:** Each week, 20 minutes before מעריב of מוצאי שבת, learn from the treasured words of הרב הגאון רבי אליהו דסלר זצ"ל of חלק ג' from the beginning of the ספר. This week the section הרע תבלין ליצר will be delivered by Rav Steinberg.

**For Bochorim:** Each week, 20 minutes before מעריב of מוצאי שבת, 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 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**

**NEW SHIUR ON THE SEFER**  
**מכתב מאליהו**  
 PARSHAS RE'EH:  
**תורה תבלין ליצר הרע**  
 DELIVERED BY RAV STEINBERG  
 8:31 PM

Each week, 20 minutes before מעריב of מוצאי שבת, 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.

ספרים will be provided.

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.

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

**Q: What is a good preparation someone could make to achieve tefilla b'kavana?**

A: The first preparation is to be a *ma'amin* – you have to believe in Hashem. Now, a *ma'amin* means a person who has learned *chumash k'pshuto*, or he has learned from his mother or father, if they are *frum* Jews. *Emunah peshuta* is a valuable accomplishment. If you learned the *pashtus* of the *chumash*, or you heard from your parents stories, then these things get into your blood and you're a *ma'amin*. It is very important to be a *ma'amin*.

Those people who are in contact with the outside world, they should know that it's not so easy, because the outside world poisons the mind. The world today is a world of foolishness, of mischief; everyone is looking for unnecessary things and many things are just to harm yourself. The schools are full of lunatics; children are taking dope in the public schools, and in the colleges they are teaching every kind of immorality. The colleges are worse than the dens of the underworld - no question about that. And so, when a person has contact with the outside world, it is difficult to put *emunah* into his minds.

So, it is very important to learn *chumash pshutoi shel mikrah*. You should learn what Hakadosh Baruch Hu did for Avraham, what he did for our *Avos* in *Mitzrayim* and little by little, the *emunah* enters your mind. Once you have the *emunah* within you, it is easier for you to respond to it and to talk to Hakadosh Baruch Hu to give you what you need.

Now, how to gain even more *emunah*, there are ways and means. The Rambam's *derech* is *כשיתבונן במעשיו ובראיו הנפלאים* – when you see the wonders of Hashem's creation, and you see a *chochma amuka she'ein lo keitz* – there is a wisdom that has no end in all the things that Hashem created. And if you are *misbonein*, if you study that, then surely will come into your mind, the Rambam says, a love and a fear of Hashem. There are other ways too. Even by learning gemara, you should know a certain amount of *emunah* comes in. The fire of the gemara enters your blood and many people have become very frum Jews just from learning gemara. The spirit of the Tana'im and the Amora'im, the *chachomim* who put their lives into understanding *d'var Hashem*, that spirit transforms the *talmidim*, too. Whatever it is, there are a number of ways to acquire *emunah*, and all of them should be used. And once you're a *ma'amin*, now we can start talking about *tefillah b'kavana*, because now at least there's Somebody to talk to. TAPE # E-91 (November 1996)

**Q: Why is it that in Europe, in the Yeshivas and even among the balabatim, there was a real sensation of Aimas Ha'din during Elul and Selichos while here in America we don't see that type of feeling? Aren't we frum just like they were in Europe?**

A: Let me explain something to you. In the ancient times – and by ancient, I mean a hundred years ago – when they benched Rosh Chodesh Elul there was a trembling, a *tziternish*. Yes. As soon as they mentioned Elul there was a *tziternish*. And that's because in those days people lived with *Emunah*. Today, even though we have very frum people, you have to know that we are saturated with the outside world's apikorsis. So many people, Orthodox Jews, frum Jews, are really apikorsim right underneath the skin. The mind is full of the atmosphere that comes in from the street. And one has to work very hard to fight this influence. You really have to work on it. Once upon a time, a hundred years ago, did they have any significant contact with the goyim? No, nothing at all. They did business with the goyim. They bought and sold. But did they read goyishe things? Never.

But here we are facing a *gezeirah*. Our children in school must read English books. English books, even if they are not full of apikorsis, they are still goyishe books, you have to know. And the best goyishe books are a harmful influence. I know what I'm talking about. The best goyishe books are a harmful influence. They get into the heads of our children. And into our heads, as well.

That's why we say, “*vi'kavtzeinu vi'hatzi'leinu min ha'goyim*.” Hashem, please make us free from the goyim. We want to be able to come together once again, and live as Jews are supposed to live, without any influence at all from the outside.

And therefore, what's even the question? We're very far away from how they used to approach Elul because we're very far away from *Emunah*. As Rav Yeruchem, the Mashgiach, once said. He said this about eighty years ago. He said, “We cannot even understand the greatness of our great-grandmothers.” They had such *Yiras Shamayim* that even Rav Yeruchem himself couldn't feel it. The outside world had begun to seep in. It was gradual, but it began to make


### מטעמי פרשה פרשת ראה Parsha Delight Question

The possuk (12:24) states, לא תאכלנו (דם) על הארץ תשפכנו כמים, Do not consume it (the blood, rather) upon the earth it shall be spilt as water. What is the difference where it is spilled? And what is the point in stating that it should be spilled as water per se?

## NEW SHIUR ON THE SEFER

# WE WANT LIFE


WRITTEN BY  
RABBI YISROEL GREENWALD



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its way in. And that's how the Jewish world began to spoil.

And although today, Boruch Hashem, there is a big movement for teshuva, we have to also make a very big movement for teshuva *pnimis*. To create a pure Torah mind requires work. A very great movement is needed. We have to work very hard in order to regain just part of the attitude that our great-grandmothers and great-grandfathers once had. The Jewish street was mamash saturated with *Yiras Hashem*. You have no idea – no idea at all – what it was like to walk in the Jewish street. TAPE #E-248



### Continuing This Week BI-WEEKLY SHIUR on Navi by R' Yoil Unger

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**Alternate Sunday Evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.**  
Followed by Maariv.

**For Men and Women.**

**Now continuing with Haftoros  
From Sefer Melachim**

For more information, please contact R' Unger or the Rav.

**Shabbos Davening and Learning**

Candlelighting (Earliest, Latest, 18 min).....	6:36, 7:20, 7:45
Mincha .....	7:00
Mishna Berura/Hilchos Yomtov .....	Rav Steinberg.....8:00 am
Shacharis .....	8:30
Sof Zman Krias Shema .....	8:58, 9:34
Sefer HaChinuch.....	R' Hillel Erlanger.....4:15-4:45
Daf Yomi .....	R' Yoil Unger.....4:45-5:45
Pirkei Avos for Women.....	Rabbi Eli Krausz.....5:00
Shiur Maseches Pesachim.....	Rabbi Rosskamm.....5:45-6:45
Shiur Maseches Shabbos .....	Rav Steinberg.....5:45-6:45
Meoros HaGedolim .....	R' Yisroel Yanez.....6:25
Pirkei Avos for Men .....	Rav Steinberg.....6:45
Mincha .....	7:00
<b>Shmiras Halashon Program for boys .....</b>	<b>Rabbi M. Zussman.....8:31</b>
<b>Michtav Mai'Eliyahu for Men .....</b>	<b>Rav Steinberg.....8:31</b>
Maariv.....	8:51
Tefilla Shiur .....	Rabbi Hoffman.....after maariv

**Weekday Davening**

Shacharis Sunday.....	6:30, <b>8:00</b>
..... Monday and Thursday .....	6:10, <b>8:00</b>
..... Tues. Wed. and Friday .....	6:20, <b>8:00</b>
<b>Mincha .....</b>	<b>Sunday-Thursday.....7:15 and 7:45</b> followed by shiur
<b>Maariv .....</b>	<b>Sunday-Thursday.....@ 8:10 and 8:30</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 .....
Chabura Shmiras Halashon ....	Rabbi M. Zussman ... M-Th..... after Maariv
Night Seder .....	Sun-Thurs ..... 7:30 pm
Partners in Torah.....	Tues ..... 7:30 pm