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*This week's Eruv is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Moshe and Chaya Berkowitz
This week's Kiddush is sponsored by Rabbi and Mrs. Yisroel and Dobbie Rosskamm*

l'n his father, Raphael Shmuel ben Yisroel a"h

** Please remember to repeat Krias Shema.**

Friday Night Minyan

This Week: Parshas Ki Savo, September 1st
Candlelighting (Earliest, 18 minutes):

6:11, 7:15

Mincha: 6:30

Next Week: Parshas Nitzavim,
September 8th

Candlelighting (Earliest, 18 minutes):

6:02, 7:04

Mincha: 6:15

Mazel Tov

To Rabbi and Mrs. Zev and Adina Beren upon the engagement of their granddaughter, Rochel, daughter of Rabbi Moshe and Leah Silberberg of Monsey, to Yehuda Zev Ehrentrau from Toronto. May they have much yiddish nachas!

Selichos Sichas Mussar this Motzoai Shabbos

We are fortunate to hear a pre-Selichos shmuss from Rabbi Naftali Seidenfeld, this Motzoai Shabbos at 12:30 am, followed by Selichos at 1:00 am.

Selichos Schedule:

Motzoai Shabbos Sichas Mussar by Rabbi Seidenfeld.....12:30 am
Motzoai Shabbos Selichos.....1:00 am
Monday and Thursday.....5:45 am
Tues., Wed. and Friday.....5:55 am

Now One Minyan for Mincha and Two Minyanim for Maariv

Mincha.....7:10

1st Maariv..... @ 7:35

2nd Maariv.....8:30

Kinyan Masechta Celebrates its THREE HUNDRETH Bechinal!

This Sunday, as we are in the process of learning our 12 masechta, Maseches Kesubos, the 300th weekly bechinal will be issued. This amounts to 3000 questions which have been answered by the participants! Ashreinu Mah Tov Chelkein! You too can join this remarkable program by attending the shiur or with a chavrusa. For more information and/or to obtain a chavrusa, please speak to the Rov.

Kinyan Masechta Time Change

The Shiur now begins at 6:50 pm and continues after Maariv till 8:30.

GREAT NEWS!

Night Seder

Starting this Week

Starting this Monday, September 3rd, there will be a Night Seder for 7th and 8th Grade bochurim. This will take place every night from 7:45 to 8:30. There will be a separate nightly shiur for each grade. On some nights there will be special activities, on Thursday night - Chulent. For more information, please speak with Rabbi Polter at 303-359-4839 or Rabbi Chaim Abrams 303-667-9565.

NEW: Erev

Shabbos Shir

HaShirim for

Bochurim and Men

Starting next Erev Shabbos, Parshas Netzavim, come to the Shul for the recitation of Shir HaShirim led by Rabbi Yonasson Cohen. Start off your Shabbos

with inspired expression of the closeness and love of Hashem Yisborach and Klal Yisroel. Each bochur that attends will receive a treat. For more information, please speak with Rabbi Cohen at 720-272-6490.

Thank you: Westside Bar-B-Q

Yaasher Koach to all those who made this year's event a most enjoyable time for one and all!

בשורה טובה!
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- and more...

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WANTED ALIVE! Looking for volunteers to prepare in the Shul kitchen for the upcoming Rosh Hashana Kiddushim, Sukkos Simchas Bais Hashoeva and Simchas Torah Kiddushim. Those that cannot afford their time, donations are happily accepted to help sponsor the costs. Please speak to Deputy Chaim Abrams. He can be reached at 732-667-9565 or at the saloon.

Zera Abraham Preschool

Preschool Begins! B'ezras Hashem, we are pleased to inform the Kehilla that by decision of the Shul Board, we have begun this week, to provide daycare on Shul premises. This effort will be under close review from now until Sukkos, allowing for careful determination to be made regarding this project.

Mission: The goal of the Shul in this effort is to provide daycare for our children under the guidance and expertise of experienced Morahs in a warm and safe environment. This is furnished with a fully gated play area in which the children can be free to engage in healthy educational and nurturing activity indoors and out. The daycare is fully insured with a special daycare policy.

Hours: Currently the hours of daycare are from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, giving working parents much needed flexibility. In addition, catering to interest, extended hours are offered - all in one location.

Staff: Mrs. Tehilla Negreann is the Director and Morah. As the enrollment increases, we are prepared to hire additional Morahs and aides to meet the need. R' Dovi Ort is Operation Manager. He is responsible for tuition, logistics, equipment, cleaning, supplies and weekly setup and breakdown of the room, allowing the Ezras Nashim to be used regularly on Shabbos and Yom Tov.

Vision: In the anticipation of a successful first year, our long-term goal would be to create proper classrooms next year to provide daycare for the current age group and for additional ages as well.

Complaint Department: As is the case with new projects of this magnitude, we do anticipate challenges and bumps in the road. We are all committed to do our best to correct any issues as they arise. Please be encouraged to (pleasantly and respectfully) direct any concerns to R' Dovi, and they will be addressed.

Board of Zera Abraham

Hamodia Newspaper

Great news! Hamodia Newspaper has sent complimentary copies for your enjoyment this week. Hamodia weekly is delivered to Yeshiva every Thursday afternoon. For subscription information, call 718-305-5215.

Merkaz Torah V'Chesed Annual Community Wide Teshuva Drasha

Merkaz Torah presents its Annual Teshuva Drasha – "Defining Our Life's Mission Through Torah" featuring, world renowned speaker, Rabbi Steven Weil on Sunday, September 16th at 7:30 PM, at the BMH-BJ 560 South Monaco Pkwy. Please see flyer for admittance fees. RSVP by Sept. 14th at info@merkaztorah.org, or www.merkaztorah.org/td18/.

This Sunday: Elul Class

Rabbi Mordechai Fleisher will deliver a class, "No Returns: Is Rosh Hashana a Time for Teshuva?" on Sunday, September 2nd, 10am at the home of Mrs. Sari Wilen.

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.

Hillel Academy Annual Esrog and Lulav Sale

Place your orders online at www.haod.org, by email at info@haod.org or call 303-333-1511. Order deadline is this Wednesday, Sept. 5. Orders will be available for pickup at Hillel Academy Motzei Yom Kippur, Sept. 19 from 10:30 pm to 12:30 am, Thursday, Sept. 20, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Friday, Sept. 21, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, Sunday, Sept. 23, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Denver TAG (Technology Awareness Group)

B'ezras Hashem, the Denver TAG (Technology Awareness Group) office has been heavily used over since its opening three years ago. Clients include individuals, offices and organizations. Over one hundred fifty hours have been spent providing solutions for internet use on computers, laptops, phones, etc. TAG advises on computer choices, gaming devices, MP3s etc. The office installs and maintains filtering and monitoring software on your computer (usually remotely.) Please bear in mind that there is a great deal of knowledge and personalized settings for applications for technological solutions. A self installed filter should not be relied upon. All are encouraged to discuss their particular setup with Rabbi Berkowitz. Applications for TAG services are available from Rabbi Berkowitz or the Rov or may be found in the Shul vestibule. This is a FREE service provided by the Shul.

Shatnez Checking

Due to the expected high volume as the Yomim Tovim approach, please make sure to have any garments which need to be checked for shatnez, dropped off at least a week and a half before they are needed. Any garments dropped off after that date, cannot be guaranteed to be ready before Yom Tov. Please plan accordingly. If you have questions, please call Rabbi Avrohom Berkowitz at 303.573.0602.

Yomim Noraim Davening

With the aim of enhancing the davening at the Shul during Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, the following will be in place as last year.

Kiddush:

There will be a short 15-minute Kiddush each day of Rosh HaShanah before Tekias Shofar.

Attendance:

We greatly appreciate those who have expressed their intent to begin daavening in the Shul during Yomim Noraim. Your presence is extremely valued.

Aliyos Auction:

In order to help streamline the davening of Shachris and Mussaf, the auctioning of Aliyos for each day of Rosh HaShana will take place between Mincha and Maariv the previous evening.

May Hashem accept all our tefillos!

Attention Bochorim! Erev Shabbos Likras Shabbos Learning Program

Starting after Succos, the nationally acclaimed program, Kinyan Shabbos, will be starting once again. With this phenomenal program for boys in grades 6-8, through illustrated seforim which will be yours to keep, nosh, prizes and weekly raffles, you will gain an excellent and enjoyable understanding of Hilchos Shabbos. The program is run by Rabbi Avrohom Berkowitz and will take place each Erev Shabbos from Succos through Shavuos for 1/2 hour before mincha/kabbalas Shabbos. Due to a very generous anonymous donation the entire program is free, including all materials. For more information please speak to Rabbi Berkowitz or the Rov.

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

בס"ד

שיר השירים. רבי נתן אומר מלאכי השרת אמרו אותה, שנאמר שיר השירים, המשוררים [כלומר המלאכים] לפני הקב"ה מלך מלכי המלכים ואומרים קדוש קדוש רבן גמליאל אומר הקב"ה אמרה שנאמר שיר השירים, השיר הנבחר מכל השירים ואמרה האבות והצדיקים והנביאים ומלאכי השרת, מי אמרה, מי שהשלום שלו.



Shir HaShirim. Rabi Nosson states - The serving angels sing this song, as it states - the Song "of the Singers", those angels that sing before Hashem "Holy, Holy, Holy..." they sing this song of Shir HaShirim. Rabi Gamliel states, Hashem himself sings this song - this most choice song which is sung by the forefathers, the righteous, the prophets and the serving angels - who sings it? He, that to Him is peace.

Men and Bochorim - Let us join for an uplifting start of Shabbos, each week (starting ערב שבת נצבים) 15 minutes before Mincha with Shir HaShirim, read in unison and with the trop.

Each Bochor will receive a raffle ticket for each week that he attends toward a set of Artscoll Machzorim to be held on Chanukah.

For more information,

inquire with R' Yonason Cohen 720-272-6490

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: Can the Rav offer me some advice for how I might be able to alleviate some of the stress that I feel?

A: Sleep eight hours a night without exception. Eight hours every night without exception! No *chasunahs*, no other *simchas*. No excuses. If you start sleeping eight hours every night, and you do it for a long time, you will discover a great change in your nervous system. A great change! If you take my advice, and you're consistent about it, you'll never want to go back to your former sleeping habits. You'll be a different person altogether.

Now, that's not the only thing. But it's one of the first things to do. Most people, you'll discover, are subject to stress and other nervous disorders because of lack of sleep. Sleep is one of the greatest gifts of Hashem. It's a pleasure to put your head down on the pillow and drift off into a sweet sleep. A pleasure! So make sure not to abuse

this gift. Use it the right way and you'll be a happy man. TAPE # E-221 (April 2000)

Q: How far should a person go to fulfill the *mitzvah* of *hachnasas orchim*?

A: And the answer is it depends on the circumstances. If you have to go to work, so your job is *hachnasas orchim* to your wife and your children. You have to pay rent for them. So you have to weigh one thing against another. And if the *orei'ach*, the guest you're considering, happens to be a dangerous person; let's say you see him walking up your steps mumbling to himself, so watch out. Let him stay in the street. If you want, you can carry something out for him into the street, but make sure to close your door behind you.

So everything depends on the circumstances; how far you should go depends on the situation. If it's a *meshulach* from Eretz Yisroel or a

chossid from Williamsburg and he's walking in the hot sun all day long trying to collect a dollar or so for his fourteen children, when he comes to your house try to *finagle* him to take a glass of water from your kitchen. He wouldn't eat anything else in your house, I can assure you. He's afraid that your milk is not *cholov Yisroel*, he's afraid that your bread is not kosher. But ask him, "Maybe you want a glass of water? Maybe you want an orange." Ah, if you can deceive such a man, if you can trick him into taking an apple from you, then you have lived for a purpose that day. It's a pity that people don't understand that. They give him a dollar and let him go on. And he goes *farmatert*, weary and thirsty, from

house to house. This man has a lot of children and he works hard. He works in the factory. But on Sundays he's off, so Sunday he goes collecting money to pay tuition for his children. That's what they do.

מטעמי פרשה פרשת כי תבא Parsha Delight Question
 וידבר משה והכהנים הלויים אל כל ישראל לאמר, הסכת ושמע וגוי.
 Kohanim, the Leviim, spoke to all the Yidden saying, "Be attentitive and hear... (27:9). How may Kohanim, Leviim were involved in this? All?

They have to pay tuition. The Satmarer cheder doesn't give tuition for nothing. And so on Sundays he collects tuition for his children. So if you see him on the street and you give him something, it's not a bad idea

to invite him in for a drink. If you can pour something down his throat, you're a lucky man. So how far you should go depends on the circumstances; it depends on the giver and on the recipient and on the circumstances. TAPE #371 (August 1981)

Shabbos Davening and Learning	
Candlelighting (Earliest, Latest, 18 min).....	6:11, 7:15
Mincha.....	6:30
Mishna Berura/Hilchos Yomtov	Rav Steinberg 8:00 am
Shacharis.....	8:30
Sof Zman Krias Shema.....	9:06, 9:42
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 Roskamm . 5:45-6:45
Shiur Maseches Shabbos	Rav Steinberg 5:45-6:45
Meoros HaGedolim	TBA 6:25
Pirkei Avos for Men.....	Rav Steinberg 6:45
Mincha.....	7:00
Maariv.....	8:21
Tefilla Shiur.....	Rabbi Hoffman . after maariv
Sichas Mussar	Rabbi Seidenfeld.. 12:30 am
Selichos.....	1:00 am
Weekday Davening	
Shacharis.Sunday	6:30, 8:00
.....Monday and Thursday	6:10
.....Tues. Wed. and Friday.....	6:20
Mincha	Sunday-Thursday 7:10 followed by shiur
Maariv	Sunday-Thursday @ 7:35 and 8:30
Daf Yomi	R' Yoil Unger ...M-F at 5:20 am, Sun at 7:20 am
Kinyan Masechta Kesubos	Rav Steinberg M-Th..... 6:50 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