



# Congregation Zera Abraham

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Shabbos Parshas Netzavim • 28 Elul • September 8<sup>th</sup>

Rosh HaShana • 1 and 2 Tishrei • September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

*This week's Eruv is co-sponsored by Mrs. Barbara Fine I'n her late husband, Rabbi Arthur L. Fine, Rav Aharon Leib ben Ephraim a"h.*

*The Eruv is co-sponsored by Dr. Robert and Mrs. Esther Wershaw I'n Yetta bas Osher HaLevi.*

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*This week's Kiddush is sponsored by Rabbi and Mrs. Hillel and Naomi Erlanger I'n his father, Yitzchok Elchonon ben Yaakov a"h.*

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

## Friday Night Minyan

This Week: Parshas Nitzavim, September 8<sup>th</sup>

Candlelighting (Earliest, 18 minutes): **6:02, 7:04**

**Mincha: 6:15**

Next Week: Parshas VaYeLech / Shabbos Shuva, September 15<sup>th</sup>

Candlelighting (Earliest, 18 minutes): **5:53, 6:52**

**Mincha: 6:15**

## Mazel Tov

To Rabbi and Mrs. Zev and Adina Beren upon the birth of their GREATgranddaughter (Aliza Zelda), daughter of Rabbi Avraham and Nechama Faygel (Silberberg) Braun of Lakewood, and granddaughter of Rabbi Moshe and Leah Silberberg of Monsey.

To Mr. and Dr. Carl and Heidi Tessler upon the engagement of their son, Ari, to Leeyat Slyper. May the have much yiddishe nachas!

## Boruch Dayan HaEmes

We express heartfelt condolences to Rabbi Chaim Yeshia Freeman upon the passing of his mother, Mrs. Tzivya Masha (Trudy) Robbins a"h. He can be reached at (404) 985-7363 for Nichum Aveilim through Sunday morning. May R' Chaim Yeshia be comforted among the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalaim.

## Women Seating for Yomim Noraim

If you would like to reserve a seat, please contact Mrs. Elranger at 303-893-2372 till Sunday 2 pm.

## Now One Minyan for Mincha and Two Minyanim for Maariv

Mincha.....7:00

1<sup>st</sup> Maariv..... @ 7:25

2<sup>nd</sup> Maariv.....8:30

## Kinyan Masechta Time Change

The Shiur now begins after the 1<sup>st</sup> Maariv and continues till 8:30.

## GREAT NEWS! Night Seder

The Night Seder for Bochorim has begun with an excellent

start.

For 7th and 8th Grade Bochorim, every night from 7:45 to 8:30.

בס"ד

שיר השירים. רבי נתן אומר מלאכי השרת אמרו אותה,  
שנאמר שיר השירים, המשוררים [כלומר המלאכים]  
לפני הקב"ה מלך מלאכי המלכים ואומרים קדוש 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

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.

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.

**Starting this week:  
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.

**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. [info@merkaztorah.org](mailto:info@merkaztorah.org), or [www.merkaztorah.org/td18/](http://www.merkaztorah.org/td18/).

**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, **Rav Yonasson Eibshutz**, will be presented by **Rabbi Binoyomin Seligman** at 6:10 pm, followed by Mincha at 6:45 pm.

**Bnos**

Begins this week! At Bais Yaakov from 2:00 – 3:30.

**Denver TAG  
(Technology  
Awareness Group)**

B'ezras Hashem, the Denver TAG (Technology Awareness Group) office has been heavily used over

**Night Seder  
for 7th and 8th Grade  
Bochurim**

**Every Night from 7:45 to  
8:30**

- Separate Nightly Shiur for Each Grade
- Activities
- Thursday Night Chulent
- and more...

**For more information, please speak with  
Rabbi Polter at 303-359-4839  
or Rabbi Chaim Abrams 303-667-9565.**

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 are 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 Women and Girls**

Please join us for the Nineteenth Annual Series of Shabbos M'Vorchim Diveri Torah. The first one will take place, I"H, Shabbos Bereishis, October 6, 2:45pm, at Zera Abraham. The speaker will be Mrs Rachel Goldbaum. K'Siva V'Chasima Tova to everyone.

**Attention Bochurim! Erev Shabbos Likras Shabbos Learning Program**

**Program for Bochurim**

**מְאֹרוֹת הַגְּדוֹלִים**  
**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 Netzavim  
**Rabi Yonasson Eibshutz**  
י"ז

Presented by  
Rabbi Binyomin Seligman  
**6:10 pm**

In the Ezras Nashim followed by  
Mincha at 7:00 pm

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.

### ספר מטעמי זרע אברהם Parsha Delight and

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](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: If Rosh Hashana is the Yom Hadin, the day that Hashem is judging us, shouldn't we spend the whole day saying vidui and confessing our sins?**

A: On Yom Kippur we're busy saying **אשמנו בגדנו גולנו**. We spend the whole day admitting our sins. Now, why don't we do that on Rosh Hashana, you ask. It's a day of judgement. Why don't we confess our sins on Rosh Hashana? There is a very good reason why we don't say vidui on Rosh Hashana. The answer is that there's something even more important to do on Rosh Hashana. We have more vital business to transact, and that's the business of Hashem Melech - the business of recognizing that Hakodosh Boruch Hu is around. You know, I mentioned before that there are people who are pious in details. But they are not pious in the generalities. They don't believe much in Hakodosh Boruch Hu. Although they believe in kashrus, and in shabbos, and in taharas hamishpacha, and they won't shave with razor blades. And all that's wonderful. They sit in the sukkah, they buy an esrog, wonderful! But they don't remember Hashem enough. They forget about Him.

So, Yom Kippur is for the details. Of course you must speak about the details. Certainly! Certainly if a Jew has sinned, he has to atone for that. But on Rosh Hashana we have to devote time to the premise, the foundation. And the foundation of everything is yiras Hashem - to be aware of Hashem.

And that's why on Rosh Hashana, instead of spending the day bent over saying **סלה לנו** and **אשמנו בגדנו**, we spend the day on our feet shouting **ה' מלך ה' מלך ה' ימלוד לעולם ועד** - Hashem was always the King, Hashem is the King now, and Hashem will be the King forever and ever. Because that's the message that has to strike home on Rosh Hashana.

And once you become aware of Hashem, once you get into your head that Hashem is King, then you'll be ready for the details of Yom Kippur. TAPE # 138 (September 1976)

**Q: If on Rosh Hashanah, Hakodosh Boruch Hu decrees the parnasa for the upcoming year for every person, why do I have to go out and work hard to make a living?**

A: If a person's *parnasa* is decreed on Rosh Hashanah, then why does he have to go out and work? Let him lie in bed all day.

And the answer is as follows. This is how it is decreed. It's decreed on Rosh Hashanah that if you'll do this and this in the upcoming year, then you'll get this and this. And if you do so and so, you'll get so and so. That's what's decreed. And if you do something else, you'll

get this and this. We think it's a simple thing. We think that a certain amount is inscribed and that's all. No! Hakodosh Boruch Hu does things in a subtle way and it's far beyond the ability of a human being to understand. Certainly it's decreed. Certainly. But what is decreed? If it's decreed that a person is going to have a full year of happiness for the upcoming year and then he decides to go and bang his head against a brick wall just for fun; he wants to bang his head three or four times against the wall. So what are you going to say? That since it was decreed that he'll live happily this year, the brick wall will be as soft as mush? No. It'll be as hard as brick.

So the decrees are decreed only under certain conditions. And if you go with those conditions, then that's what you're going to get. Exactly as Hakodosh Boruch Hu decreed. And if you choose a different path, then you will get exactly as He decreed under those conditions.

However, you must also know, that if a man tries to outdo what was decreed, then he's going to be disappointed. And that's because there are maximums that are decreed. TAPE #138 (September 1976)

**Q: If our fate is decided between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, why do we pray the rest of the year?**

A: And the answer is that at every moment a man can reverse the decision. Everything that Hakodosh Baruch Hu decides on Yom Kippur is decided conditionally. For instance, a man is inscribed for life until next year. But suppose he decides that he wants to jump off the roof. So Hakodosh Baruch Hu says "Go ahead and do it". Everything is on condition that you don't choose to frustrate it. If a man wants to lose what he would have gained by the decision on Yom Kippur, it is his privilege to forfeit it.

Now of course that's limited in certain ways, but in general we have to know that's the truth. All the *gezeiros* are subject to certain restrictions. Even a *gezeira* for evil *chalilah*, if a man does real *teshuvah* and he cries out with all his heart, in some cases it can help. Because the *gezeira* is made conditionally, unless he does *teshuvah*.

And therefore it always pays for a person to utilize the situation properly. It could be that what was decreed for him was merely conditional and his prayer will overturn it.

### Parsha Delight Question מטעמי פרשה פרשת נצבים

וַיִּשְׁלַחְכֶם אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת־רֵיכָה בְּיוֹם הַזֶּה וַיִּשְׁלַחְכֶם וַיִּשְׁלַחְכֶם and He cast them to another land, as this very day. Why the big **ל**, in the word וַיִּשְׁלַחְכֶם?

### Shabbos Davening and Learning

Candlelighting (Earliest, Latest, 18 min).....	6:02, 7:04	
Mincha .....	6:15	
Mishna Berura/Hilchos Yomtov .....	Rav Steinberg..... 8:00 am	
Shacharis .....	8:30	
Sof Zman Krias Shema .....	9:08, 9:44	
Bnos .....	2:00	
Sefer HaChinuch.....	R' Hillel Erlanger... 4:00-4:30	
Daf Yomi .....	R' Yoil Unger..... 4:30-5:30	
Pirkei Avos for Women .....	Mrs. Chernitsky .....	5:00
Shiur Maseches Pesachim.....	Rabbi Rosskamm .	5:30-6:30
Shiur Maseches Shabbos .....	Rav Steinberg.....	5:30-6:30
Meoros HaGedolim .....	Rabbi Seligman .....	6:10
Pirkei Avos for Men .....	Rav Steinberg.....	6:30
Mincha .....		6:45
Maariv .....		8:10
Tefilla Shiur .....	Rabbi Hoffman .	after maariv

### Erev Rosh HaShanah, Sunday

Daf Yomi .....	5:00
Selichos .....	6:00
Chatzos.....	12:51
Candlelighting .....	7:00
Mincha .....	7:05
Maariv .....	7:32

### First Day, Monday

Shachris.....	8:00
Sof Zman Krias Shema.....	9:10, 9:46
Tekias Shofar .....	11:00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tekios .....	4:55 pm
Daf Yomi .....	5:10
Mincha .....	6:10
Tashlich.....	after Mincha
Maariv .....	7:37
Candlelighting and Begin Prep for Next Day (50 Min.) ..	8:08

### Second Day, Tuesday, Sept. 15

Shachris.....	8:00
Sof Zman Krias Shema .....	9:10, 9:46
Tekias Shofar .....	11:00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tekios .....	5:15 pm
Daf Yomi .....	5:30
Mishnayos l'n Mr. Auerbach.....	6:30
Mincha .....	6:35
Maariv .....	8:04

### Tzom Gedalia

Fast begins .....	5:26
Shachris.....	5:35
Mincha .....	6:55
Maariv.....	7:50
Fast Ends (50 minutes) .....	8:04

### Selichos Aseres Yimei Teshuva

Thurs.....	5:35
Fri.....	5:45
Sun .....	6:00
Mon.....	5:35
Tues.....	ערב יוה"כ 6:05

### Weekday Davening

Shacharis Sunday.....	6:30, 8:00
..... Monday and Thursday .....	6:10
..... Tues. Wed. and Friday .....	6:20

**Mincha .....** Sunday-Thursday .....7:00 followed by shiur  
**Maariv .....** Sunday-Thursday .....@ 7:25 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... after 1 <sup>st</sup> Maariv
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

## Zera Abraham Preschool

**Preschool Begins!** B'ezeras Hashem, we are pleased to inform the Kehilla that by decision of the Shul Board, we have begun 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