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Shabbos Parshas Ha'azinu • 13 Tishrei • September 22nd

Succos • 15-23 Tishrei • September 17 – October 2nd

Please remember to repeat Krias Shema.

Friday Night Minyan

This Week: Parshas Ha'azinu, September 22nd
Candlelighting (Earliest, 18 minutes): 5:43, 6:41
Mincha: 6:46

Two Minyanim for Weekday Maariv

Following Mincha at the z'man, and at 8:30.

Membership Drive

Your membership letter should have arrived in your mailbox. If you have not received one please contact any board member. If you currently pay on auto pay or credit card we will continue to bill you at your current rate unless you inform us otherwise (to increase it!). This year we will be making special effort to increase our membership income. Please feel free to discuss this with any board member, as if you don't find us, we will be finding you.

Condolences

We express our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Devorah Gladstone upon the loss of her father, Harry Arkin. Mrs. Gladstone can be reached at 011-972-58-771-6751 or adzephyr@yahoo.com. May the Gladstone family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Yerushalaim.

Aniyei Ircha Appeal

Thank you for your generous pledge toward the Aniyei Ircha Fund appeal. Monies may be given to Rabbi Rosskamm, R' Boruch Baxman or to the Rov.

Night Seder

The Night Seder for Bochurim has begun with an excellent start. For 7th and 8th Grade Bochurim, every night from 7:45 to 8:30. There is a separate nightly shiur for each grade. On some nights there are 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.

Erev Shabbos Shir HaShirim for Bochurim and Men

Continuing this Erev Shabbos, come to the Shul for the recitation of Shir HaShirim led by Rabbi Yonason 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.

Meoros HaGedolim Program

Yaasher Koach to all those who have made this year's Meoros HaGedolim season a spectacular success. Rabbi Eli Krausz (The

Chofetz Chaim), Dovid Rosskamm (HaRav Moshe Feinstein), Rabbi Chaim Sher (HaRav Moshe Aharon Stern and HaRav Elya Lopian), Rabbi Raphael Schnall (The Steipler Gaon and Harav Shmuel Birnbaum), Rabbi Aharon Boruch Kagan (HaRav Shmuel Eherenfeld, Matesdorfer Rav), Rabbi Binyomin Seligman (Harav Elazar Menachem Man Shach and HaRav Yonason Eibeshutz), R' Yisroel Yanez (HaRav Nosson Tzvi Finkel, Mirrer Rosh HaYeshiva and HaRav Avrohom Pam), Rabbi Daniel Krausz (HaRav Nosson Tzvi Finkel, Alter of Slobodka), Mendel Herskowitz (HaRav Elchonon Wasserman), Rabbi Yehoshua Hoffman (The Vilna Gaon), Rabbi Moshe Chaim Chill (HaRav Yaakov Galinsky), Rabbi Dovid Sebbag (HaRav Nissim Rebibo and Rabbi Zecharia Gelley), R' Nathan Witzum (HaRav Moshe Twerski), Yossi Isaacson (HaRav Shmuel Kamenetsky), Aharon Pomerantz (HaRav Sholom Kamenetsky), Rabbi Yitzchak Melamed (The Taz).

Look for our annual commemorative Succos poster of the Gedolim presented this year. V'Chol Zechusim Yagen Aleinu.

Second Weekday Shachris

There will be a second minyan for Shachris beginning Wednesday, Motzoai Yom Kippur through Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan. On Thursday morning, Motzoai Yom Kippur the minyan will begin 5 minutes early at 7:55 a.m. All other days the 2nd Shachris begins at 8:00.

Chol HaMoed and Hoshana Raba Vasikin Minyan

Chap arein a Minyan K'Vasikin each morning of Chol HaMoed and Hoshana Raba. Times posted below.

Chol HaMoed Breakfast & Learn Seder and Shiur!

For All Men and Bochurim. Each day of Chol HaMoed, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday following the 8:00 Shachris, come enjoy a delicious breakfast in the Shul succah, followed by a Seder and a Shiur. Feel the power of Chol HaMoed by infusing it with a strong seder first thing in the morning! Seder 10:00-10:45. Shiur 10:45. Shiur topics, presenters and Marei Mekomos will be posted.

Wednesday- Moreinu Rosh HaYeshiva Rav Kagan

Thursday- Rabbi Eli Krausz

Friday- Rabbi Raphael Schnall

Shul Simchas Bais Hasho'eva Thursday Night/Likras Shabbos

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...

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שיר השירים. רבי נתן אומר מלאכי האשרת אמרו אותן, שנאמר Shir haShirim, המשוררים [כלומר המלאכים] לפני הקב"ה מלך מלכי המלכים ואומרים קדוש קדוש. רבנן גמליאל אומר הקב"ה אמרה שנאמנו Shir haShirim, השיר הנבחר מכל השירים ואמרוה האבות והצדיקים והנביאים ומלאכי האשרת, מי אמרה, מי Shir haShirim של.

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

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

For more information,
inquire with R' Yonason Cohen 720-272-6490

Siyum

All are invited to join and be m'sameach at the ZA Simchas Bais Hashoeva to take place in the Shul, on the 1st night of Chol Hamoed, Thursday night, starting after Maariv at about 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 pm. Featuring Divrei Torah, Music and dancing, cotton candy, and the Likras Shabbos Siyum and distribution of prizes. Sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Boruch and Rivka Baxman. Mazel Tov to last year's participants in the Likras Shabbos Program upon their completion of the Halachos of Borer.

In conjunction with the Shul Simchas Bais HaShoeva on Chol Hamoed, there will a siyum for the Bochurim, and a distribution of prizes.

Hoshana Raba Night Mishmar and Mishna Torah תקראי את התורה "הזהת"

Now in its the 6th year! Join together in the Shul for an all night learning Mishmar on Leil Hoshana Raba, Motzoai Shabbos Chol Hamoed. Starting at 11:00 pm. Excellent refreshments and soft drinks will be provided. For information and/or chavrusos, please speak with Rabbi Shlomo Kurtz. (With enough interest, the Mishmar will be followed by a Vasikin Minyan.)

Simchas Torah Expedited Schedule

In order to facilitate an enjoyable Hakafos, and also allow for ample time to enjoy the rest of the Yom Tov day, the following arrangements are in place.

Shacharis time: Shacharis will begin at 8:00 a.m. (not 8:30). This is a good time to remind everyone to prepare a written list of individuals for whom they wish to make an Aliyah Mishebarach, to help conserve time when the opportunity arises.

Kiddush: The annual Simchas Torah Kiddush will be expedited. The Hakafos will resume 10 minutes after kiddush begins, with the refreshments remaining for all to enjoy throughout the duration of the hakafos.

Aliyos: After Hakafos there will be only five aliyos lained, with Kol HaNearim, Chosson Torah and Chassan Bereishis, which will be sold at auction. All men and boys who wish to receive an aliyah will have opportunity during the hakafos. Starting during the fourth hakafa, there will be another laining in the Ezras Nashim.

Neilas HaChag

The Neilas HaChag will take place on Simchas Torah after Mincha. We are fortunate to have the Neilas HaChag addressed by Rabbi Eli Krausz. שמחנו ונשכט! Please bring your extra packaged Yom Tov food with a Vaad approved hechsher.

Succah Tour

Mr. and Mrs. Gallard invite the children of the Kehillah to their Succah at Beth Jacob Dorm. There is something new to see this year! Don't forget to bring at least one of your parents. Adults are also welcome on their own. On Yomtov, please knock. On Chol HaMoed please call ahead. Chag Sameach!

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 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.

TAG Alert

It is strongly recommended not to upgrade your phone to the new iOS 12. This alert applies to all that have an iPhone/iPad and are using one of our FREE filtering options.

Many Apple devices (iPhones/iPads) are currently receiving an automatic official update for the newer Apple iOS version 12. Due to many changes Apple has implemented in this update, we discovered that unfortunately the update can cause issues to the filtering settings & in some cases leave the device unfiltered. We advise NOT to accept this update until further notice. In addition it is recommended to make sure Automatic updates are turned off for the device.

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.

Attention Women and Girls

Please join us for the Nineteenth Annual Series of Shabbos M'Vorach 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

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

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



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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.

Kashrus Alerts

Effective immediately, OK Kosher Certification has terminated kosher certification of **Bliss Life Sciences LLP** due to kashrus violations. Any products on the market bearing the OK symbol are not certified. If seen, please notify by email - info@ok.org, or call 718-756-7500.

Streit's Egg Noodles. Due to improper handling after product was manufactured a number of bags have been found to be infested. Any bag with a best buy date of December 2019 or earlier should be returned to store for a refund. Corrective action has been taken.

Effective immediately, all products manufactured by **Conca D'Oro - Ciro (Woodside, NY)**, are no longer being certified by the Chicago Rabbinical Council. This includes product bearing the cRc logo.

Abu Lafia Pita, Produits Pita Achtaroute, Montreal PQ. The Orthodox Union does not certify Abu Lafia pita. Some bags are printed with an unauthorized "OU Pas Yisroel" symbol. Corrective actions are being implemented. If you see this product in the marketplace, please provide details to kosherq@ou.org.

The following **Fiber One and Nature Valley** products are No Longer Certified Due to changes in production procedures, several Fiber One Brownie varieties (listed above) and Nature Valley Soft-Baked Oatmeal Squares varieties (listed above) will no longer be certified by the Orthodox Union. The products in the marketplace with the OU Symbol are certified by the Orthodox Union and were manufactured prior to the changes: Chocolate Fudge Brownie, Mint Fudge Brownie, Lemon Brownie, Chocolate Chip Brownie, Cinnamon Coffee Cake Brownie, Orange Cranberry Cake Brownie, Birthday Cake Brownie, Pumpkin Brownie Strawberries & Cream Brownie, Peanut Butter Soft-Baked Oatmeal Squares, Banana Dark Chocolate Soft-Baked Oatmeal Squares, Blueberry Soft-Baked Oatmeal Squares, Cinnamon Brown Sugar Soft-Baked Oatmeal Squares.

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.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM HARAV AVIGDOR MILLER ZATZA'L

Q: What intention should we have when we sit in the Sukkah?

A: We have had many full lectures about just this, so I will make it short. When we sit in the *Sukkah* the Torah tells us what our thoughts should be. The Torah says that the reason is, "*Li'ma'an yeid'u doro'seichem*," in order that your generations should know, "*ki ba'sukkos ho'shavti es Bnei Yisroel*," that I put your forefathers into *Sukkahs* when I took them out of Egypt. And that means the following. When I took your forefathers out of Egypt they were more secure and more safe than any subsequent time in our history. Pay attention – during the 40 years in the wilderness they were more secure against foreign enemies than any subsequent time in our history. In the wilderness, where they had no fortifications, they were safer than any other time. They lived in open camp and were vulnerable to attack from anyone. And all the nations knew that they were carrying all the wealth of Mitzraim. And yet they weren't attacked. Moshe Rabbeinu never lost a battle. Their camp was invulnerable because there was a *Sukkah* overhead. *And that was the Ananei Kavod*, the Clouds of the Presence of Hashem, the Clouds of Glory that were protecting them. And that's what the *Sukkah* symbolizes. We sit in the *Sukkah* under the *schach* and we say, "This *Sukkah* is a pretty flimsy protection. There's no roof of masonry. There's no iron door. There's nothing." And yet, that flimsy *Sukkah* overhead, represents the idea that it is Hashem who is protecting our nation throughout all the generations. So even though you may live in your brick house all year long and you bolt your doors every night – and you should bolt your doors every night – sitting in the *Sukkah* for seven days teaches us that our brick walls and our iron doors are all just imagination. Because really it is only Hakodosh Boruch Hu who is protecting us.

And despite the fact that many nations rise up against us, in the end they will all be frustrated. And that's because Hakodosh Boruch Hu is "*ma'tzee'lainu mi'yadam*." His presence goes with us forever.

TAPE #140

Q: We have a tradition that Avraham Avinu will be coming as a guest to our *Sukkahs* on the first night of Yontif. How is it possible for Avraham Avinu to be in thousands of *Sukkahs* at one moment?

A: Avraham Avinu is in Gan Eden. He's not "*mi'loch chol ha'aretz ki'vodo*." You have to understand that. So what

does it mean that Avraham Avinu will be our guest? It means that the *shem tov*, the *dugmah*, the example, the influence of a man is just like the man himself. *Avraham's* influence should come into our *Sukkah* and be *mash'piyah* upon us. *Avraham* was a big oived *Hashem*. He was a tremendous ba'al chessed. Avraham was ready to sacrifice his son. So what we want is that all the *sleimus* of Avraham Avinu should come into our *Sukkah* and influence us.



That's more important than Avraham Avinu coming into our *Sukkah*. If he came and we didn't think about anything, it would be a waste of time – a waste of a visit. But when Avraham's influence comes, that's more important than Avraham himself. And that's the ikar.

Now, when we say that Hakodosh Boruch Hu is in the *Sukkah*, that's a different story. Hakodosh Boruch Hu is in the *Sukkah* and you have to know that. "*Vi'shuchanti bi'soch Bnei Yisroel*." "*Asher ani sho'chein bi'sochum*." "I dwell among you," says *Hashem*. And it's true. It's true that wherever the Jews come together, *Hashem* is there too. And that is 100% true. But when we say Avraham is in our *Sukkah*, it means that *Avraham's* example and influence is in our *Sukkah*. When we invite Avraham into our *Sukkah*, we are being mispallel to *Hashem* that we should be zoicheh to impress upon our minds the influence and the ideals of this great man. TAPE #E-202

שבת האדיין		פרשת האדיין		
Shir HaShirim		6:30	R' Hillel Erlanger..... 3:35	
Candlelighting.....		6:41	Daf Yomi..... Rabbi Seligman..... 4:05	
Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos		6:46	Gemara Shiur- Maseches Pesachim Rabbi Rosskamm..... 5:05	
Mishna Berura.....	Rav Steinberg.....	8:00 am	Gemorah Shiur- Sugyas Kiddush Rav Steinberg 5:05	
Shacharis		8:30	Mincha	6:05
Sof Zman Krias Shema.....		9:13, 9:49	Shkiyah	6:46
Sefer HaChinuch	R' Hillel Erlanger.....	3:45	Maariv	7:36
Daf Yomi	R' Yoil Unger	4:15	Tefilla Shiur..... Rabbi Hoffman after maariv	
Gemara Shiur- Maseches Pesachim	Rabbi Rosskamm	5:15	Hoshana Rabba Mishmar..... Rabbi Kurtz 11:00 pm-morning	
Gemorah Shiur- Sugyas Kiddush	Rav Steinberg.....	6:15		
Mincha.....		6:15		
Shkiah		6:58		
Maariv		7:48		
Tefilla Shiur	Rabbi Hoffman	after maariv		
ערב סוכות				
1st Shachris.....		6:30	• Sun, ערב סוכות	
Daf Yomi	Rabbi Seligman	7:20	1st Shachris (Vasikin – Neitz 6:55)	6:15
2 nd Shachris		8:00	Daf Yomi	Rabbi Seligman..after 1 st Shachris
Candlelighting.....		6:37	2 nd Shachris.....	8:00
Mincha.....		6:42	Candlelighting	6:27
Divrei Torah.....		bet Mincha/Maariv	Mincha	6:32
Maariv	if not cloudy	7:20	Maariv	7:00
Tzeis HaKochavim.....		7:46 (50 Min)	Hakafos Ketzaros.....	after Maariv
• Mon, נ' סוכות				
Shacharis		8:30	• Mon, נ' סוכות	
Sof Zman Krias Shema.....		9:14, 9:50	Shacharis	8:30
Kinyan Masechta Kesubos	Rav Steinberg.....	5:30	Sof Zman Krias Shema	9:16, 9:52
Daf Yomi	Rabbi Seligman	5:30	Yizkor	approx. 10:30
Mincha.....		6:30	Kinyan Masechta Kesubos	Rav Steinberg
Divrei Torah.....		bet. Mincha/Maariv	Daf Yomi..... R' Yoil Unger	
Candlelighting/Preparation for next day/Maariv (50 min).....		after 7:44	Mincha	6:20
• Tues, ב' סוכות			Aliyos and Kibudim Sale	bet. Mincha/Maariv
Shacharis		8:30	Maariv and Hakafos.....	6:57
Sof Zman Krias Shema.....		9:14, 9:50	Candlelighting/Preparation for next day	after 7:33
Kinyan Masechta Kesubos	Rav Steinberg.....	5:30		
Daf Yomi	Rabbi Seligman	5:30		
Mincha.....		6:30		
Divrei Torah.....		bet. Mincha/Maariv		
Maariv		7:42		
• Wed, ג' חול המועד				
Daf Yomi	Rabbi Joseph	5:30		
1st Shachris (Vasikin – Neitz 6:51)		6:27		
2 nd Shachris		8:00		
Breakfast		after 2 nd Shachris		
Seder.....		10:00		
Shiur.....	Maran R"Y Rav Kagan	10:55		
Mincha.....		6:35		
1 st Maariv.....		7:05		
Kinyan Masechta Kesubos		after 1 st Maariv		
2 nd Maariv		8:30		
• Thurs, ג' חול המועד				
Daf Yomi	Rabbi Joseph	5:30		
1st Shachris (Vasikin – Neitz 6:52)		6:30		
2 nd Shachris		8:00		
Breakfast		after 2 nd Shachris		
Seder.....		10:00		
Shiur.....	Rabbi Eli Krausz.....	10:55		
Mincha.....		6:35		
1 st Maariv.....		7:04		
Simcha Beis HaShoeva/Likras Shabbos Siyum		7:20		
2 nd Maariv		8:40		
• Fri, ג' חול המועד				
Daf Yomi	Rabbi Joseph	5:30		
1st Shachris (Vasikin – Neitz 6:53)		6:30		
2 nd Shachris		8:00		
Breakfast		after 2 nd Shachris		
Seder.....		10:00		
Shiur.....	Rabbi Schnall	10:55		
Shir HaShirim		6:20		
Candlelighting.....		6:30		
Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos		6:35		
שבת חול המועד, שבת				
Mishna Berura	Rav Steinberg.....	8:00 am		
Shacharis		8:30		
Sof Zman Krias Shema.....		9:16, 9:52		
Weekday Davening (After Succos)				
Shacharis		Sunday	6:30, 8:00	
		Monday and Thursday	6:10, 8:00	
		Tues. Wed. and Friday	6:20, 8:00	
Mincha		Sunday-Thursday.....	6:15 followed by shiur	
Maariv		Sunday-Thursday.....	after Mincha 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 1st 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	