



# Congregation Zera Abraham

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Shabbos Parshas Lech • 11 Cheshvon • October 20<sup>th</sup>

*This week's Kiddush is co-sponsored by Mendel Hershkowitz I'n Yaakov ben Sara a"h.*

*This week's Kiddush is co-sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Yisrael and Karin Yanez.*

*This week's Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Ari and Ruthie Krausz*

*I'n Elazer ben Avrohom Binyomin a"h.*

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

## Friday Night Minyan

This Week: Parshas Lech, October 20<sup>th</sup>

Candlelighting (18 minutes): **5:57**

**Mincha: 6:02**

**Likras Shabbos: 5:32**

**Shir HaShirim 5:45**

Next Week: Parshas VaYera, October 27<sup>th</sup>

Candlelighting (18 minutes): **5:47**

**Mincha: 5:52**

## Rov Out-of-Town

The Rov will be away this week from Wednesday morning through Thursday evening. He will be reachable as usual at 303-476-3909 or RabbiTzviSteinberg@gmail.com.

## MB Glassman Youth Shalosh Seudos

The M.B. Glassman Youth Shalosh Seudos continues. 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. Many thanks are expressed to the M.B. Glassman Foundation and its officers for this wonderful program. This week TBA will supervise.

## 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.

## Kinyan Masechta TIME Change

The Shiur now takes place every night at 7:30 – 8:30.

## Night Seder: Shtender Building this Sunday

The Night Seder for Bochorim continues. For 7th and 8th Grade Bochorim, every night from 7:45 to 8:30. There is a separate nightly shiur for each grade. Special activities - **Shtender Building this Sunday, October 21.** For more information, please speak with Rabbi Polter at 303-359-4839 or Rabbi Chaim Abrams 303-667-9565.

## THIS WEEK: Rochel Imeinu Video

16th Annual Worldwide Event for the Yahrzeit of Rochel Imeinu. Video presentation: **Bringing the Geula with The Power of Our Chessed.** Motzoai Shabbos Parshas Lech, October 20th, 8:30 pm at Zera Abraham. Introduction by HaRav Shmuel Kamenetsky, with inspiration from Rabbi David Ashear, Rabbi Zecharia Wallerstein, Rabbi Pesach Krohn and Rebbetzin Tehila Jaeger. To benefit Aniyei Eretz Yisroel.

## 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.

## IMPORTANT MEETING:

The City is inviting public feedback to 'Denverright' - its comprehensive plan and 20-year vision for Denver's future. This plan promotes urban density adjacent to transit corridors, including 17th Ave. , Colfax, and the light rail. Many blocks in our Jewish Community are not yet zoned for multi-family buildings and this plan could alter that. Your voice is valued by the City planners. Our opportunity to be heard is only until the end of this month!

For more information on how to make your voice heard, please join us for a brief meeting following the first Maariv, Monday evening at 6:45P.M. in Shul.

## Attention Women and Girls

Please join us for the Nineteenth Annual Series of Shabbos M'Vorchim Diveri Torah. The second one will take place, iy"h, Shabbos Parshas Chaya Sara, November 3rd at 2:45pm, at the home of Mrs. Tzivi Kurtz. The speaker will be Mrs. Tova Seligman.

## Challah Bake

Join fellow Jewish women of Colorado in an evening of Challah baking, fun and inspiration. 97 Countries, 1416 Cities, 1 Million People Worldwide, One Shabbos, One Challah Bake. Be A Part Of It! Please register to book your spot. Limited seating.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-great-big-challah-bake-colorado-tickets-49311463916>

## Parsha Delight and ספר משעמי 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.

## Kashrus Alerts

At the present time the following **Oreo Sandwich Cookies** do not contain dairy ingredients, though they are manufactured on dairy equipment: Original Oreo Sandwich Cookies, Oreo Double Stuf Sandwich Cookies, Oreo Original Mega Stuff Sandwich Cookie, Mini Original Oreo Sandwich Cookies, Chocolate Oreo Sandwich Cookies, Golden Oreo Sandwich Cookies, Triple Double Oreo Sandwich Cookies, Oreo Thins Sandwich Cookies. The equipment is not necessarily cleaned before the production of these cookies, and there may be a small amount of dairy residue present. Nonetheless, the dairy component would be minimal, and from a Halachic perspective, the dairy residue is nullified (botel bishishim) and of no consequence. The bottom line of all this is that these cookies may be consumed after meat and poultry, but not simultaneously. Please bear in mind that the manufacturer may choose in the future to reformulate these products and add dairy ingredients. Since these products already bear OUD symbols, formulation changes would not be reflected in the OUD logo. As such, we recommend that consumers check regularly with our office to confirm the status of these items.

**Kettle Krinkle Cut Wasabi Ranch Potato Chips Snyder's Lance:** The 5 oz.size Kettle Brand®, Krinkle Cut Wasabi Ranch Potato Chips has been incorrectly labeled with KOF-K PARVE symbol. The product

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Worldwide Event for the Yahrzeit of Rachel Imeinu**  
and Fundraiser for Aniyei Eretz Yisrael FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS ONLY

**Bringing the Geula:**  
With the Power of Our  
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Founder of "Ohr HaNatziv" Women's Institute

**RABBI PAYSACH KROHN**  
Lecturer, author of "Maggid" series

**REBBITZEN TEHLILA JAEGER**

Yahrzeit Rachel Imeinu Video 5779  
TAKING PLACE LOCALLY ON  
DATE: **Motzoai Shabbos Parshas Lech, Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 8:30 PM**  
TIME: **8:30 pm**  
PLACE: **Zera Abraham, 1560 Winona Court**  
CONTACT INFO: **Mrs. Bracha Steinberg**  
SUGGESTED MIN. DONATION: **10**  
ALL PROCEEDS FOR ANIYEI ERETZ YISRAEL — ORAH HANATZIV

Please make a difference by sponsoring this event: \$50, \$100, \$360, \$500, \$1000 All proceeds will go to Aniyei Eretz Yisroel (the impoverished and needy of Eretz Yisroel)  
Please make checks payable to Torah Umesorah Aniyim Fund, c/o Mrs. Karen Frank, 6022 Berkeley Ave., Baltimore, MD 21209  
Distribution of funds is under the guidance of Hachinuch Shalom Kamenetsky Shlita. This program was coordinated with his encouragement.  
L'halacham Ruthama v'yas HaRav Meir Hershon Jaeger, Shlita.

For more information call: 201-837-0354 or 410-358-2573 or e-mail KEYTilla@gmail.com



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**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: What is wrong with going to baseball games?**

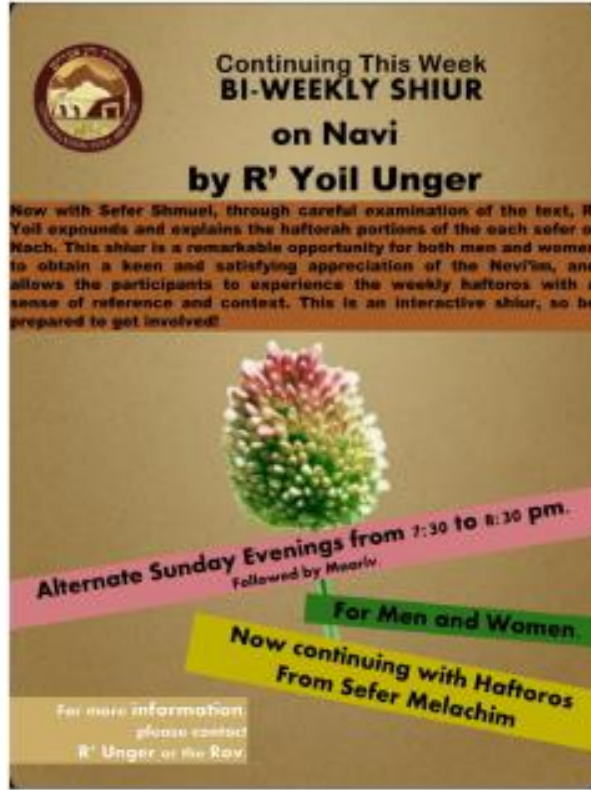
A: It states –ולא תלכו בחוקת הגוי – “You shouldn’t walk in the ways and customs of the nations.” The Rambam states in Hilchos Avodah Zarah that you shouldn’t follow the practices of the goyim. Not because it’s a certain practice that is wrong, but just because we should be different from the gentiles in the way we enjoy, in the way we behave, and even in the way we clothe ourselves. That’s what the Rambam says. Otherwise, if you participate in the things that goyim do, it’s not just that you’re sitting in a baseball stadium. The real problem is that your mind and your *dei’os*, which means your character traits, will begin imitating the nations with whom you are associating.

Now let’s say you sit down at a ballgame. All of sudden, the pitcher throws the ball and the man at the base gives a whack with the bat and everybody goes crazy: “Whooooo!” They’re shouting! They stamp their feet and he’s running and you are ignited. Your blood becomes ignited by the excitement, which means you are participating in the *heulei hagoyim*, the emptiness of the gentiles. To be excited over nothing is *avodah zarah*.

When Moshe Rabeinu was coming down from Har Sinai, he said, “What’s this *kol*? What’s this sound that I hear from the camp? –אין קול ענות גבורה – It’s not the sound of people shouting thanks to Hashem because they’re winning a victory. That I could understand, to shout to Hashem for *gevurah* – you’re winning a victory! –ואין קול ענות הלושה – “And it’s not the sound of crying out in weakness. If a person is afraid of losing a battle, he cries out to Hashem for help. That’s also good. So crying out to Hashem in happiness or in entreaty, *bakoshoh*, I understand. But, –קול ענות אנכי שומע – just a voice of making noise for nothing! Noise for the sake of noise! A noise for nothing; that’s *avodah zarah*, to get excited over nothing. We have to be excited over only one thing in this world: only –הללי נפשי את השם – “My soul becomes excited only about Hashem.”

And so, you’re sitting at a ballgame and you go wild over a ball, over a pitcher, over a bat, then you have to know that you are really sinking your mind into the mire of *avodah zarah*, and you’re beginning to lose all the *segulos*, all the precious attributes of the Jewish mind. In order for us to preserve our minds, our *emunah*, our attitudes, our understanding and our *dei’os*, our middos of character, our reactions, it’s important to be apart from the goyim.

By the way, it’s important to be apart from wicked Jews too. Not only wicked Jews, even Orthodox Jews who are fools. There are plenty of fools by the Orthodox too; oh yes! You have to be careful with whom you sit with in a *beis haknesses*. A fool sitting next to you can be speaking *loshon harah* or



leitzanus during the davening. You have to be careful. The Rambam says –אדם להיות נמשך בדעותיו ובדרכיו אחר רעיו וחבריו – “A person is drawn in the way he thinks and the way he behaves according to with whom he associates. Even the Orthodox are included in that.

But to associate with gentiles is a special *lav* of the Torah. *Lo seilchu b’chukas hagoy*. It’s telling you that as much as possible you should avoid the things that gentiles do because once you start doing the things that they do, even though it seems harmless, you should know that in all other areas as well your mind begins working like a gentile mind. TAPE # 928 (September 1993)

**Q: You said last week that there’s no such a thing as bad weather. Is it a *chisaron* if a person enjoys a warm mild day more than a rainy day or a very hot day?**

A: When a person enjoys a certain kind of weather he is justified. There’s nothing wrong with that. And, not only that, but he is a wise man for appreciating it. Of course, if he understands that *all* weather is good, even though he may not enjoy it, but he understands that it’s a benefit for him, he’s even wiser. The fact that a person enjoys spring time more than any other season doesn’t detract from the fact that he can understand that summer is very important. After all, spring time is not the time when the apples are ripe,

when the pears are ripe. In the summer time is when they begin turning red. Their cheeks display a color, which makes them more and more attractive as they become sweeter and softer. And therefore, despite the heat of summer, he’s able to appreciate it because of the benefit it provides.

So the fact that one season is more beloved than others, doesn’t detract from the fact that you understand that all seasons are valuable. And so, if you’re a wise man then you learn to enjoy the summertime. Oh yes, the summer has many attractions. You know, there are songs *Auch Der Leeber August*. There’s a song like that. *Auch Der Leeber August*. They sing about August. There’s a song about September, Nothing Like September Morning. Ahh, a September morning is pleasure. For every month of the year there are poems. And we have to learn to sing all those songs – not the gentile songs – the songs of every month. You can sing your own songs. If we’ll sing all the songs, we’ll sing January is very good. The bracing cold of January is a blessing for the world. February, *mechayah!* Walk outside in February, well dressed, and enjoy the brisk fresh air. March, April, May; every month has its blessing. Nissan, Iyar, Sivan, Tamuz, Av, Elul; every one of them is a time of special *brochos*. And the person who learns to appreciate them, that’s a *שמח בהללו*.

Now, I didn’t include that in our five minutes a day program that we learned about tonight, because if we’ll do our five minutes a day, that already will be a very big achievement. And those five minutes a day are enough for the time being. TAPE # E-13 (June 1995)

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**Shabbos Davening and Learning**

Likras Shabbos .....	5:32
Shir HaShirim .....	5:45
Candlelighting .....	5:57
Mincha .....	6:02
Mishna Berura .....	8:00
Shacharis .....	8:30
Sof Zman Krias Shema .....	9:22, 9:58
Bnos .....	2:00
Sefer HaChinuch .....	R' Dovid Zussman 3:10
Daf Yomi .....	R' Yoil Unger 3:40
Gemara Shiur- Maseches Pesachim .....	Rabbi Roskamm 4:40
Gemarah Shiur- Sugyas Kiddush .....	Rav Steinberg 4:40
Mincha .....	5:40
Shkiah .....	6:13
Maariv .....	7:04

**Weekday Davening**

Shacharis .....	Sunday .....	6:30, 8:00
.....	Monday and Thursday .....	6:10
.....	Tues. Wed. and Friday .....	6:20
Mincha .....	Sunday-Thursday .....	5:55 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 ... R' Seligman/R' Kagan M-Th ..... 7:30 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