Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to everyone who is davening with us today.

Thank You

Thank you to those providing Divrei Torah this week! These include Sam Rascoff, Friday night; Dr. Steve Feldman, Shabbat morning; and Dr. Yitzchak Teitelbaum, Seudah Shlishit.

Thank you to all involved in our preparations for Purim, especially our Megilla readings (Dr. Yitzchak Teitelbaum and Cantor Zachary Kutner), our Seudah, cake sale, and accompanying festivities!

Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to Joel and Ariela Sichel, who celebrated a sheva brachot in Denver for their first visit here as husband and wife! May we all share many happy occasions together.

Mazel Tov to Denver Academy of Torah students Pearl Clayman and Gavriel Asher Reiffman for finishing in the top five students in this year’s Jerusalem Science Contest!

Events

Shabbat Zachor—This Shabbat we read the Torah portion of Zachar—where we remember the attack of the tribe of Amalek on Bnei Yisrael as they left Egypt. The Torah commands us to erase the memory of Amalek. The Rabbis instituted this reading to be near the similar erasing of the memory of Haman, on the Shabbat before Purim.

Taanit Esther—The fast before Purim, commemorating the events in Megilat Esther, begins Wednesday morning, early (5:14 AM). The fast ends at 6:20 PM.

Purim! Purim begins on Wednesday night. Our Megilla reading begins at 6:30 PM. Shacharit begins early on Thursday, at 6:10 AM, to accommodate the Megilla reading. A 2nd reading begins at 9:15 AM.

Send bulletin announcements to newsletter@edosdenver.org by Wednesday. Oral announcements are due to the President (president@edosdenver.org) by Thursday afternoon. Visit us online at www.edosdenver.org.
**Purim Seudah**—The EDOS Purim Seudah is this Thursday, March 1st, 5 PM! Gourmet Southern catering, and cake sale! Hosts: Susie Fishman, Lisa Greenstein, Rebecca Mogyoros, Erin Salehrabi, and Chani Stern.

**Notes**

**Tomchei Shabbat Purim Cards**—The 2018 Purim Card Campaign is wrapping up! Tomchei provides Purim letters to honor your friends and family. Twenty five beautiful, full color 2018 Tomchei Shabbat Mishloach Manot Purim letters and envelopes are only $36. An electronic PDF Purim Card is also available, customized with your greeting, at only $25 for 25 e-cards! Order either version online at purimcards.org.

**Siyyum Tanach**—With the annual event, we kicked off our goal, as a Shul, to complete the entire Tanach by Shavuot. Many shul members are making significant progress to this goal. Yasher Koach and keep up the good work.

**Chesed Committee**—The Chesed Committee is the one-stop shop for out-of-town guests requiring services, as well as for hospitality and meals for those who have recently given birth, are recovering from an illness, or have suffered a bereavement. Please contact chesed@edosdenver.org for help.

**Youth Activities**

Follow NCSY on Facebook! DenverNCSY. Yisrael Katz, ykatz@ncsy.org, 818-277-0727.

**From The Rabbi’s Desk**

Last week we focused on the strange commandment that the poles must always be attached to the ephod. This week’s Parsha contains a similar commandment with the statement: "לא יזח החשן מעל האפוד - the breastplate should not be loosened from the ephod" which is again one of the 613 commands. (ספר המצוות לרמב"ם) Again, one has wonder why, unlike any other of the vestments of the Cohen Gadol, these two specifically have to remain attached.

The Talmud tells us that each one of the garments worn by the Cohen Gadol has a specific purpose. The Tfre扪 offsets sins related to dishonesty in the courts. The אמש offsets sins related to idol worship. While at first blush these sins seem to be unrelated, Rav Moshe Feinstein suggested that the purpose of this commandment is to teach us that there is indeed a connection between them. It is obvious that idol worship is a rejection of belief in Hashem. Less obvious, but equally true, is that dishonesty in business dealings is also a statement of lack of belief in Hashem, since if one believes that all blessing comes from Above, there would be no sense in trying to take that which is not rightfully yours. When one tries to take what they do not deserve, they are making a statement akin to idol worship.

All too often we hear about “truly religious people” who act in a dishonest way. There is no such thing. If a person can act in such a way they are by definition not religiously observant.

**Kiddush**

The Kiddush today is sponsored by the EDOS Women’s Auxiliary and EDOS Kiddush Fund.

**Community Events**

BMH/BJ's fun-filled Purim festival is February 25th, 10 AM-1 PM at BMH-BJ! Carnival games for all ages, music, goldfish, a velcro wall, cake walk, costume contest, bouncy castle, lunch, cotton candy, popcorn, puppy adoption, book fair, and more. Visit BMHBjPreschool.org / Purim for tickets, info, & hamantaschen.

Denver Community Kollel celebrates 20 years with a groundbreaking for its Kollel Torah Center Tuesday, March 6th, 6:30 PM at the future site of the Center, 5080 W. 14th Ave. RSVP or ad: denverkollel.org, journal@denverkollel.org, 303-820-2855.


AIPAC Colorado Annual Event—Sunday, April 29th, Seawell Grand Ballroom, DCPA, 6 PM Dinner and program. $45/person, Info, psameet@aipac.org or 720-897-4945.

**Annual JNF Breakfast**—Wednesday, May 2nd, 7:30-9 AM, at Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum, the JNF holds its annual Mountain States Breakfast for Israel. No cost to attend, but RSVP is required. Dietary laws observed. RSVP to: jnf.org/msbreakfast or 303-573-7095 x968. Guest speaker is Ambassador Danny Ayalon, former Israeli Representative to the United States. Co-Chairs Loretta Cawelti, Lisa Wolf, Ambassador Danny Ayalon, former Israeli Representative to the United States. Co-Chairs Loretta Cawelti, Lisa Wolf, Perlmutter, and Jay Kamlet.

**Shabbat Shiur**

The Shabbat Shiur is fifty minutes before Mincha.

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Did you know that there are dozens of families in Denver that need help putting food on the table for Shabbat? Tomchei Shabbat of Denver meets their needs. Please contact Shlomo Fried, 303-717-5528, for details on how you can help.

**The ERUV hotline is 303-836-3788: DenverEruv.org: Check each week one hour before candlelighting.**

EDOS can mail special cards from the Shul office for births, birthdays, anniversaries, engagements, condolences and Mazel Tovs. And your support means so much to the Shul!

If you wish to receive these announcements by E-mail, please visit groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/edos-mailing-list/join. This service is available to members, out-of-town family, and others with an interest in EDOS.
Shabbat is the name of the day of rest in Judaism. Shabbat happens on the seventh day (Saturday) of every week. In Judaism, the day is defined with the cycle of the sun: The day begins and ends at sunset, not midnight. So the seventh day of the week, Shabbat, begins Friday when the sun goes down, and ends Saturday night after it gets dark. The idea of Shabbat comes from the Bible's story of Creation. In that story, God creates the Universe and everything on Earth for six days. On the seventh day, he Shabbat, Shabbos, or the Sabbath, is Judaism's day of rest and seventh day of the week. On this day, religious Jews, Samaritans and certain Christians (such as Seventh-day Adventists, the Church of God (Seventh-Day) and Seventh Day Baptists) remember the biblical story describing the creation of the heavens and the earth in six days and look forward to a future Messianic Age.