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### Pre-1A Professional Day with Fathers of Pinny Reichman and Avraham Levi Whitehouse



### Rabbi Biller's Third Grade Talmidim Breakfast Siyum



### Mrs. Lampert's First Grade Practicing Writing

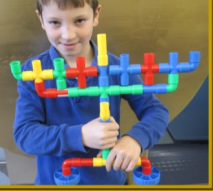




*First Grade Hachalas Chumash Celebration*



*Rabbi Biller's Third Grade Talmidim Display Creative Handcrafted Menorahs*



*Winners of  
"Three R's in the Parsha"*



*Pictured Above:*

*Elchonon Light, Dovid Benjamin, Mordechai Brick, Daniel Peikes, Tzvi Schwab, Shlomo Gottlieb, Yoel Wiesberg, Avi Weg, Yaakov Kirschner, Yehoshua Weg*

*"Thank You Hashem" Winners*



*A Peek Into Yeshiva Ketana's Upcoming Events*

**Friday, December 7th - Monday, December 10 -**  
Chanukah Vacation  
**Sunday, December 16th - YK Parent Teacher**  
Conferences, Dismissal: Grades 1-8: 12:00

*Mazel Tov*

**Aron Becker, 3rd Grade ~ on the birth of a baby sister**

**Parental Pride**

**Rabbi Rawicki,**

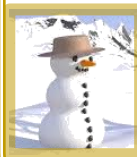
*Wow! We had to reach out and thank you for spearheading the Three R's initiative and for taking it a step farther and encouraging the boys to delve into the Parsha and apply those middos to their daily lives. When Dovid came home today waving that 5 dollar bill, we just couldn't believe it! These moments are the building blocks and we're incredibly thankful to you and Rabbi Weissman for investing the effort. It doesn't go unnoticed.*

**Freilichan Chanukah!  
Yaakov and Rochelie**

*Pre-1a's Impressive Chanukah  
Bulletin Board*



*Weather Hotline Number*



**In case of inclement weather,**  
please call the YKOR  
message line  
**(920) 940-8936**

- 3 Elchanan Lorber**
- 4 Ezy Friedman**
- 6 Yehuda Weisberg**
- 8 Yehuda Lichstein**



*Eleizer Eisenstadt's  
Birthday Party*

# Parenting in the Parsha

## פרשת מקץ

### Attention Surplus Disorder

ויאמר יעקב לבניו למה תתראו

And Yaakov said to his sons, why be visible?

למה תתראו. למה תראו עצמכם בפני בני ישראל ובני עשו כאלו אתם שבעים?

- (תענית י')

Why do you show yourselves (pretend) before the children of Yishmael and the children of Eisav as though you have plenty to eat?

- Taanis 10b

What kills a skunk is the publicity it gives itself.

-Abraham Lincoln

There is an oft repeated trope that there is no such thing as bad publicity. In the view of the popular adage, any time you can get your name out there, whether for good or for bad, it is all good. Jewish history might indicate that, for the Jewish people, there is no such thing as good publicity.

When Yaakov speaks to his sons about the need to respond to the famine in the land by traveling to Egypt where there was food in storage, he tells them *lamah tisrauh*, why be visible? Yaakov referred narrowly to the food crisis in the land and the potential backlash for the *Bnei Yisroel* should they be seen as having what to eat while the rest of the population did not. However, Yaakov was, in a broader sense, charging his children with a mandate for all time. *Lamah tisrauh*, why be visible? Yaakov understands that the Jewish people will always be better off if they stay out of the newspapers and out of the public eye. There is little to be gained by our being visible, and plenty to be lost.

The Chofetz Chaim, in his classic work on *lashon hara* informs us that to speak well of someone in front of his adversary is also a form of *lashon hara*, as it guarantees a response that will deride the subject of the discussion. The same holds true for the Jewish people as a whole. Jews in the news for misdeeds cannot be a good thing for the Jewish people. But, even Jews in the news for good deeds call attention to the Jews in ways that can be dangerous and unsettling. All you need do is quickly peruse the comment section of any online story involving Israel or Jews and you'll know exactly what I mean.

There was a time, in the not too distant past, that we recognized the value of Jews staying out of the newspapers. That value seems to be lost. Jews, unfortunately, are regularly in the news facing criminal charges for fraud, theft and misappropriation of funds. But, Jews are also in the news for fighting municipalities on building and zoning code issues or battling to put up an *eiruv*. And, although the Jews are in their right as part of a democratic society to assert and pursue their rights, we need to be very leery of finding ourselves in the headlines constantly.

We also are a very affluent community and very visible about our affluence. We live in fancy homes, drive expensive cars, and dress in the finest name-brand clothing. We rarely pause to consider that we may foment resentment among our neighbors by being so visible and conspicuous in our consumption. Yaakov *Avinu* warned his children that when others around you are doing without, it is not a smart idea to flaunt your wealth. Whenever we have failed to heed Yaakov's warning throughout our history, we have paid the price.

The value of *lamah tisrauh*, why be visible, is one that has lapsed in transmission to coming generations. We have come a long way from the penniless immigrants who came to these shores simply happy to be alive. But, along the journey to our success, we have forgotten that the Jewish people are better off remaining under the radar. That is a value we must restore and transmit to our children. For the Jewish people, all publicity is bad publicity.

Good Shabbos

*Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb*



# P“R”ECIOUS PA“R”SHA PEA“R”LS

## The Three “R”s in the Parsha

What examples can you find?

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Parshas \_\_\_\_\_

Respect

Four horizontal lines for writing examples of respect.

Responsibility

Four horizontal lines for writing examples of responsibility.

Ruach

Four horizontal lines for writing examples of Ruach.

What Can I do to follow the example in the Parsha?

Four horizontal lines for writing a personal reflection or action plan.



# P“R”ECIOUS PA“R”SHA PEA“R”LS

## The Three “R”s in the Parsha

What examples can you find?

### Some of the answers submitted on Parshas וישב

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Respect  | <p>The bundles showing respect to the middle bundle. The sun, moon, and stars showed respect to Yosef.</p> <p>Tzvi Schwab (6)</p>                        |
| Responsibility   | <p>Reuven acted responsibly because he went to check on Yosef.</p> <p>Dovid Benjamin (2)</p>   |
| Ruach  | <p>Even in jail, Yosef was concerned for the ministers. This shows that Yosef wasn't depressed by his situation.</p> <p>Avi Weg (2) Yehoshua Weg (5)</p> |
| <p>What Can I do to follow the example in the Parsha?</p>  |  |
| <p>Do Mitzvos while happy. Yaakov was sad so the Shechina was not with him.</p> <p>Mordechai Brick (2)</p> |  |



פרשת מקץ  
שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום



*This week's program* שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום *is sponsored by*



First

Last

Name of תלמיד (Please Print Clearly)

Class: (Please Check One)

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – 10 פסוקים
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – 15 פסוקים
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – 20 פסוקים
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – 25 פסוקים
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 30 פסוקים
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – 40 פסוקים
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – The whole פרשה

My son completed שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום for this פרשה in the amount specified for his class.

Parent's signature

\_\_\_\_\_

**Many פרשיות of this year**

**are still available for sponsorship!**

Please help support this wonderful program.

**Monthly (4 weeks) sponsorship: \$275**

**One week full sponsorship: \$75**

**One week partial sponsorship: \$40**

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Machzikei Torah  
Zichron Yitzhak



מחזיקי תורה  
זכרון יצחק

# LEARNING PROGRAM

## Chanukah



שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום

*Raffle*

Grades 1-2: Until שני

Grades 3-4: Until שלישי

Grades 5-6: Until רביעי

Grades 7-8: Whole פרשה

לז"נ הרב ירחמיאל שלום  
משה בן הרב ישראל זצ"ל  
מגיד שיעור -ישיבה דרך חיים

**GRAND RAFFLE  
ON DECEMBER 16TH**

IN ADDITION THERE WILL BE A  
WEEKLY RAFFLE  
FOR A \$25 GIFT CARD

שבת פרשת

- Learned 15 minutes (Grades 1-4) /  
30 minutes (Grades 5-8) on Thursday
- Learned 15 minutes  
on Erev Shabbos
- Learned 15 minutes (Grades 1-4) /  
30 minutes (Grades 5-8) on Shabbos
- Learned 15 minutes (Grades 1-4) /  
30 minutes (Grades 5-8) on Motzei Shabbos
- Learned 15 minutes (Grades 1-4) /  
30 minutes (Grades 5-8) on Sunday
- Learned 15 minutes (Grades 1-4) /  
30 minutes (Grades 5-8) on Monday
- שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Yeshiva \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Completed forms must be received by Wednesday, December 12th to be included in the raffle.  
Completed forms should be faxed to 646-595-2402 or emailed to egoldberg417@gmail.com.

**ALL  
LEARNING  
COUNTS!**

**Grand raffle will take place on December 16th  
50 PRIZES WILL BE RAFFLED OFF!!**

WEEKLY WINNERS:  
YAAKOV AHARON THURM  
YESHIVA KETANA OF QUEENS

**THURSDAY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**EREV SHABBOS / FRIDAY NIGHT**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**SHABBOS**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTZEI SHABBOS**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**SUNDAY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**MONDAY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_