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YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN...



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8th Grade Graduation



At long last, the eighth graders reached the monumental milestone: graduating after eight years of yeshiva. The evening of June 20, parents, grandparents and siblings of our graduating *talmidim* were presented with the opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates their time here as an integral part of Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven.

The graduation ceremony began with the processional as the graduates marched on to the stage to take their place. Class representatives Noam Schechter and Azriel Pollak introduced the evening by speaking of the gratitude they and their classmates feel for all they gained at YKOR. They also spoke of their hope and promise for the future as they move forward in life.



Noam Schechter

Rabbi Peikes introduced Avrumi Perkowski, who, on behalf of his classmates, was *mesayem Mishnayos Seder Noshim*. The *Rosh Hayeshiva*, then ascended the podium and began with a *siyum* on *Maseches Tamid*, which he had personally learned with the eighth graders. Rabbi Rudinsky addressed the graduates about the importance of carrying with them all that they have learned as they move on through life. The *Rosh HaYeshiva* also spoke to the *talmidim* about the great value of always maintaining a connection to the Yeshiva no matter where life might take them. An enjoyable and moving video presentation was then viewed by all in attendance. The video highlighted the eighth graders' progress and growth through the years as they grew from little boys to the fine young men they have become.



Azriel Pollak

The culmination of the beautiful and inspirational evening took place when Rabbi Rawicki, Rabbi Gottlieb, Rabbi Peikes and Rabbi Auslander shared the joy of presenting the diplomas along with the *sefer, Portraits of Prayer*. The presenters took turns in eloquently highlighting the impressive qualities of each graduate as he was called up to receive his diplomas. We all wish all of our graduates *mazel tov* and much success in *Mesivta*.



Eitan Warum, receiving his diploma from Rabbi Auslander



Moishy Muller, receiving his diploma from Rabbi Rawicki



Donni Redlich, receiving his diploma from Rabbi Gottlieb



Meir Morell receiving his diploma from Rabbi Peikes



Avrumi Perkowski



Honors Dinner

One of the main goals at Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven is to instill a genuine sense of pride and self-worth in our students for hard work and appropriate conduct. We encourage our students to follow this *derech* and reward them when their behavior reflects the values we encourage them to emulate.

Our sixth annual Middle School Honors Dinner added the exclamation point to this ongoing program. The YKOR dining room, set beautifully for parents and grandparents, with the Middle School honors' students seated on the dais, set the stage for an inspirational evening.

The *menahel*, Rabbi Rawicki, began the evening with words of *bracha*, support, and encouragement, reminding the boys that they are *talmidim* of the Yeshiva throughout their entire day. One by one, Rabbi Gottlieb singled out each honoree as he extolled the virtues of each boy prior to presenting him with his award. The boys were recognized for their achievements in one of two categories: Some were noted for having been elected to the middle-school honor roll for seven out of nine months of the academic year along with reflecting exemplary behavior and effort day in and day out. Others were singled out for the completion of academic honors work that goes beyond the expectations and demands of the classroom. We are hopeful that next year even more boys will join as each *talmid* strives and achieves his personal milestone.

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Mayer Friedman

End of the Year Luncheon for Rebbeim

Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven held an end of the year luncheon for the *rebbeim*. The lavish luncheon menu included sushi, eggplant parmesan, salads and iced coffee, all beautifully arranged in a truly *bekovodik* manner. During the course of the event, Rabbi Pruzansky was presented with a parting gift and a plaque thanking him for his

many years of dedication to the yeshiva. Eighth-grade *Rebbe*, Rabbi Auslander was wished a *tzaischem l'shalom* after serving in the yeshiva for a year.

The purpose of the luncheon, besides for serving as a greatly deserved expression of *hakaras hatov* to all, was also to complete a productive review of the year and plan for the future.

The clear feeling, besides for the warmth and camaraderie among the attendees, was the overall sentiment of how great it is to be part of the YKOR family and by extension, a part of every YKOR student's family as well.

Enjoy your summer – but most of all – can't wait to see you back 'home' once again come fall!



Ohr Reuven Siyum Hashana



Yeshivas Ohr Reuven held a very special Siyum Hashana. Eighth grader, Doniel Redlich made a *siyum* on *rosh hashana*, eighth grader, Azarya Coren made a *siyum* on *makkos* and *alumnus* Yiyzchok Spivak made a *siyum* on *megilla*.

All the boys from *mishmar* received *seforim*, and six eighth graders received a *shas* for finishing *makkos*, *rosh hashana*, *tamid*, and *sefer nezikin*, all this year.



Goodbyes and Welcomes

A Heartfelt Goodbye To:

Faculty members who are now moving on:

Rabbi Yosef Pruzansky, Rabbi Auslander, Mrs. Shevy Frank, Mrs. Yehudis Kaganoff- *Hatzlacha* on your move to Cleveland, Mrs. Rivka Djavaheri, Mrs. Sori Knopfler, Miss Esty Rosenfeld, Miss Yocheved Rapp, Miss Serach Freeman

Graduating Families:

The Mintz, Monczyk, Redlich, Resnick, Schechter, Senter, Silverman, Stochel, Tenenbaum families

**It's Been a Pleasure Partnering with you!
We'll Miss You!**

Welcome

Welcome to our new 2nd grade Rebbe, Rabbi Dov Weissman.

The Rosh Hayeshiva's Visit

Rabbi Lowy's fourth graders had a special visitor this past Wednesday. The caller came into their classroom to *farher* the boys on the entire מסכת. The boys were well prepared for their guest by making sure to review all of the material they had covered so as to be able to answer fluently if called upon. Their preparations were a huge success as the *Rosh Hayeshiva* can attest after seeing how well the class knew the *mishnayos*. It was hard to tell who was more pleased – the class, the Rosh Hayeshiva, or the Rebbe.



Journey Around the World

Rabbi Biller's third graders completed their journey around the world in eight months. This year, as part of their "*Konei Olam*" *middos* program, they traveled together from Australia to China, England, Russia, and Canada with the United States and France in between. The *talmidim* gathered souvenirs all along their journey, sampled food, and saw the sights along the way. They also met a lot of interesting people. Even more than the treasures they packed in their suitcases though, were the treasures gained by what they learned with regards to good *middos*, and about what to do and what not to do in many situations.

The *talmidim* learned about נושא בעול - to really empathize and feel with other people; - שמחה how to serve Hashem with joy and always stay happy; - אמת to always remember to say the truth and to act truthfully; and - הכרת הטוב to appreciate what Hashem, their parents, and everyone does for them. These were just some of the important *middos* the third graders covered among many others over the course of their eight-month journey.

As a celebration of the milestone, the boys had a special *siyum* which took place at the Chofetz Chaim Heritage foundation where they enjoyed their final journey together as third graders.



Special Siyum Celebration

Rabbi Myski's first graders had a stirring breakfast *siyum* which took place in class. The boys really enjoyed the meaningful occasion which served as the culmination of an inspirational year of growth and development. Rabbi Berger, from YOR's *Beis Medresh* was invited as the special guest speaker for the event. Every *talmid* was presented with a special *kriah* booklet from Rabbi Rawicki. The booklets will be brought home so the boys can continue to practice their *kriah* throughout the summer.

Thank you to Mrs. Feiner, Mrs. Reichman and Mrs. Spitz for sponsoring the *siyum*.



Father and Son Siyum Mishnayos Breakfast

Mazal Tov to our ספר נזיקין: were מסיים some, most or all of:

Yosef Gross, Dovid Hass, Effy Tenenbaum, Azriel Laster, Menachem Kahn, Gaby Altschuller, Avraham Yaakov Schuster, Shimon Schwab, Eitan Warum, Noam Schechter, Yossi Book, Shua Dahan, Moishy Muller, Coby Walden, Dovi Morell, Meir Morell, Mayer Friedman, Avromi Perkowski, Donni Redlich, Tzvi Karp, Moishy Herman, Sruli Resnick, Azarya Coren, Gavriel Stein, Yehuda Sapperstein, Ezra Hook, Yehuda Berman, Azriel Pollack, Moishy Herman, Moishy Czegledi, Mordy Moncyk, Daniel Robinson, Yosef Issacson, Azriel Mintz, Shalom Gross.

Thank you Rabbi Peikes for spearheading this wonderful program.



8th Grade Graduation Trip

After a meaningful and growth-filled eight years at Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven, the eighth-grade class celebrated the culmination of their efforts and achievements with a commemorative graduation trip. Over the course of the two-day trip, the eighth graders, together with Rabbi Kahana, Rabbi Peikes and Rabbi Auslander spent an enjoyable time whitewater rafting, climbing through an intense rope course and enjoying delicious food at every meal. We thank the devoted rebbeim, for spending their time and putting so much effort into maximizing the learning and fun as well as creating a truly memorable experience for all. A special thank you to Rabbi Kahana for doing all of the work of organizing an unforgettable trip.



Real Life Learning

To gain a real understanding of what was learned in class, Rabbi Lowy's fourth graders were provided with a hands-on visual aid. This helped the students gain a clearer understanding of what was learned in פרק ח' משנה ב'. The focus of the visual aid was the amount of food a person would be חייב for eating, which is equal to a large date containing its pit, as well as the amount of drink, which is a full cheek. Thank you, Eli Stein, for bringing in the dates for this visualization technique; it really helped the class gain a clearer understanding of the משנה. Pictured: Eli Stein



Middle School End of Year



6th graders enjoying the end of year "Hot Kiddush"

Thank you to Glaubers for the yummy potato kugel and *Cholent!*

Thank you Mrs. Barg for organizing the "Kiddush" and for sharing the weekly middle school updates!



Business Office Hours

Thank you to all the parents who already submitted their completed registration forms for the upcoming school year! If you have not yet completed registration, please send in your completed registration to the Business Office as soon as possible. Registration is an annual process for both returning and newly admitted families. If you did not receive the email from the Business Office with registration and forms or if you have any questions regarding registration, please contact the Business Office as soon as possible. businessoffice@ohrreuen.com / (845) 362-8362, ex. 108 The Business Office is open throughout the summer (summer schedule below), so please do not hesitate to be in touch if you have any questions about registration. Summer Hours: 9:45-1:30 Monday - Thursday The Business Office will be closed from Tuesday, July 31st through Tuesday, August 14th.

Mazal Tov

Rabbi Meth, on the engagement of his daughter

Mrs. Weitz, on the birth of a granddaughter

Pre 1-A assistant, Miss Serach Freeman, on her engagement to Eli Meir Sicker

7th grader, Menachem Gruen, on putting on *tefillin*

2nd grader, Shmuel Elya and Pre 1 aer, Shalom on the birth of their twin boy brothers

2nd grader, Yisrael Zev Koblack, on the birth of his baby sister

Condolences

3rd grade Rebbe, Rabbi Biller, on the *petira* of his brother, Reb Reuven Chaim *zt"l*

A Peek into Upcoming YKOR Calendar

Thursday, July 5,

Educational Office Closes through August 13

Thursday, August 30,

Grades 2-8 First day of sessions. Arrival: 9:00, Dismissal: 12:45

NO TRANSPORTATION

1st Grade Orientation

Friday, August 31,

Dismissal: Grades 1-8: 12:00

NO TRANSPORTATION

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