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Rabbi Lowy's Fourth Grade Talmidim Learning How Kohanim Won the Privilege of Doing the Avodah Through a Finger Gorel



P"R"ECIOUS PA"R"SHA PEA"R"LS The Three "R"s in Parshas מקץ

LAST WEEK'S WINNERS:

Shalom Adler (1), Moredchai Brick (2), Elkanah Berkowitz (2), Moshe Weisberg (3), Elya Adler (3), Gavriiel Silber (3), Shua Weg (5), Yoel Weisberg (5), Daniel Peikes (6), Moshe Zev Shacter (8)

Responsibility

Yosef told Pharaoh how to be responsible and store the food to prepare for the coming hunger.

Daniel Peikes (6), Gavriel Silber (3), Yoel Weisberg (5), Aaron Becker (3), Shalom Adler (1), Yehuda Leib Nadav (2), Doni Stern (1), Aaron Moshe Fuchs (2), Dovid Ezra Stansky (3), Shlomo Reich (3), Eliezer Adams (3), Shimon Greenspan (3), Moshe Weisberg (3), Aryeh Muller (5), Tzvi Neuhauser (3), Elya Adler (3)

Yehudah took responsibility for Binyamin.

Yoel Weisberg (5), Shlomo Gottlieb (7), Mordechai Brick (2), Moshe Weisberg (3), Nachi Kohn (3), Shua Weg (5)

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

I can say Baruch Hashem and talk about how Hashem really does everything.

Aron Moshe Fuchs (2)

Ruach

Yosef said that the ability to tell people what their dreams mean comes only from Hashem.

Aaron Becker (3), Elchanan Lorber (3), Shlomo Reich (3), Moshe Weisberg (3), Tzvi Neuhauser (3)

Respect

Yosef shaved his hair and changed his clothes before appearing before Pharaoh to tell him what his dream meant.

Elkanah Berkowitz (2), Aaron Becker (3), Dovi Morell (7), Shalom Adler (1), Aaron Moshe Fuchs (2), Elya Adler (3)



Second Grader,
Uzi Kurzman,
Playing a
Shoresh Dreidel
Game



Second Grader,
Yehuda Leib Nadav,
Lighting the Menorah



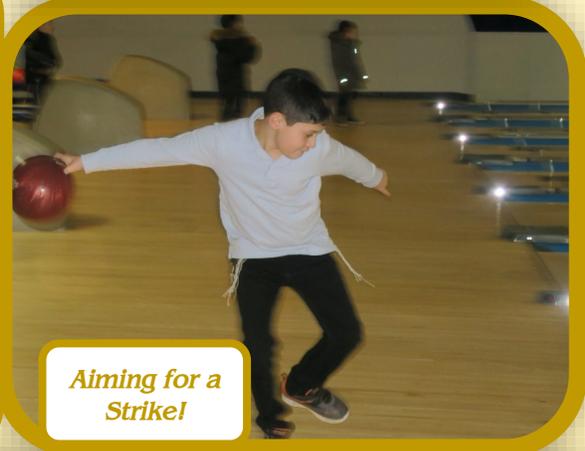
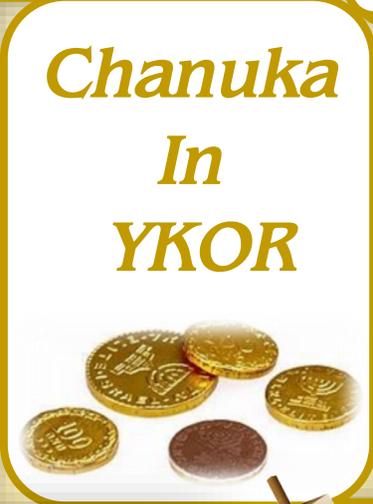
Mesibah
at Rabbi
Peikes's
House



Zvi Deutsch
Lighting the Menorah



Pre-1a
Acting
Out the
Chanuka
Story



Aiming for a
Strike!



8th
Grade
Bowling



Talmidim
Bowling



Preschool
Lighting the
Menorah



Talmidim
Bowling



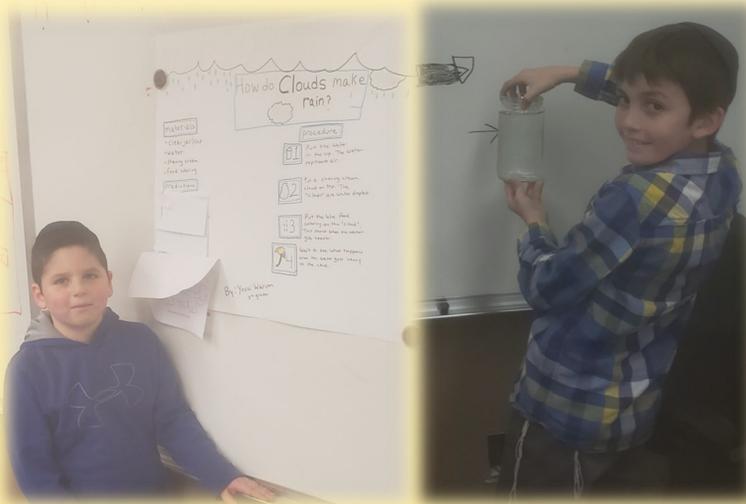
Candle
Making in
First Grade

Chai-Lifeline Chanukah Toy Drive



Third Grade Scientist's of the Week
Yossi Warum and Shaya Reichler

Mrs. Lampert's
First Grade Independent Reading



A Peek Into Yeshiva Ketana's Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 16th -

YK Parent Teacher Conferences
 Dismissal: Grades 1-8: 12:00pm

Tuesday, December 18th - Asarah B'Teves

Dismissal: K-8 1:00pm

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 the YKOR message line
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Mazel Tov

Rabbi Ben Zion Bamberger, Mashgiach, upon the engagement of his son, Yaakov Shlomo to Nechama Manies
Yehuda Saperstein, 7th grader, upon becoming a *bar mitzvah*
Tzvi and Benny Neuhauser, 3rd and 1st grade on the birth of a nephew

Condolences

Rabbi Stefansky, Mesivta Rebbe, upon the *petirah* of his father, Rabbi Meir Stefansky, A"H

K Eitan Vilinsky **P** Mordechai Gold, Yisroel Shulman **3** Zevi Koblick, Shaya Reichler **5** Yosef Meir Grynheim, Yehoshua Weg



SOME OF THE RESPONSES FROM להלל ולהלל PROGRAM

Thank you Hashem for:

Giving me a brain. I really need it!
Paper towel
Helping me succeed in school
Ears
Parents
Helping me breath
Ability to talk
Intelligence
I can run and don't have a wheelchair
An amazing Rebbe!
My eyes can see the amazing world...
Protecting me
Normal brain
A goal in life
Hands
Limbs
Picked out to be a Jew out of billions
who weren't
Parents and siblings
Arms
Legs are able to walk
The Torah keeps me busy
Health
World
Friends
Keeping me alive
House
Five senses
Ability to move
Able to write
Early dismissal
Able to learn
My Bar Mitzvah

Education
Good friends and good school
Food
Water
Cousins
Simchas torah
Fire to keep us warm
Pencils
Lighting up the world with the Sun
and moon
613 mitzvos
Ohr Reuven
Summer
Books
Snow
Colors
Electronics
Football
Neshama
Helping through hard times
Taste
Candy
Time
Vacation
Teeth
Neck
Cake
Oxygen
Chanukah, gifts, donuts
Vacuums
A school to learn torah
Directions: NSWE
Family

Parenting in the Parsha

פרשת ויגש

A Wide Angle Lens

ויאסר יוסף מרכבתו ויעל לקראת־ישראל אביו גשנה וירא אליו ויפל על־צוואריו ויבך על־צוואריו עוד

Yosef ordered his chariot and went to Goshen to meet his father Yisroel; he presented himself to him and, embracing him around the neck, he wept on his neck a good while.

אָבִל יַעֲקֹב לֹא נָפַל עַל צְוֹאֲרֵי יוֹסֵף וְלֹא נִשְׁקוּ, וְנֶאֱמָרוּ רַבּוֹתֵינוּ, שֶׁהָיָה קוֹרֵא אֶת שְׁמַע

Yisroel, however, did not fall upon Yosef's neck nor did he kiss him. Our Rabbis say: the reason was that he was reciting the Shema

- Rashi

חַיִּיב אָדָם לְבָרֵךְ עַל הָרַעָה כְּשֶׁם שֶׁמְבָרֵךְ עַל הַטּוֹבָה שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר וְאֵהָבֵת אֶת ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל לִבְּךָ וּגו'

One is obligated to recite a blessing for the bad that befalls him just as he recites a blessing for the good that befalls him, as it is stated: "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart

Brachos 54a

People who take a long view of their lives and careers always seem to make much better decisions about their time and activities than people who give very little thought to the future.

- Brian Tracy

After 22 years of agonizing separation, Yaakov is finally reunited with his beloved son, Yosef. The emotion of the moment must have been too great for words, and Yosef, appropriately has only tears and an embrace as he falls upon his father's shoulder. Yaakov's reaction is not recorded in the *possuk*, as though Yaakov remained staid and calm at this unimaginable moment. Rashi cites the *midrashic* perspective that Yaakov did not react upon his reunion with Yosef because he was preoccupied with the recitation of *krias shema*.

It is a perplexing *midrash*, to say the least. Is Yaakov really guilty of such poor timing that he had to arrive at Yosef at the moment of *krias shema*? If, in fact, he did happen to arrive at the precise moment of *krias shema*, then why wasn't Yosef also preoccupied with the recitation of *shema*? Moreover, did *shema* as we know it even exist yet? Isn't *shema* the response that the *shevatim* give to Yaakov in the upcoming *parsha* when he questions their faith?

Rashi in *Parshas Va'eschanan* explains that the opening *possuk* of *shema* is a declaration that Hashem who is the G-d of the Jewish people in this world, will one day be the singular G-d for all mankind. Building on Rashi's interpretation, a comment from the *Meshech Chochma* in *Parshas Ha'azinu* can deepen and broaden our understanding of the opening *possuk* of *shema*. There, the *Meshech Chochma* explains the difference between the two names of G-d, *Hashem* and *Elokim*. The four letter name of *Hashem* denotes G-d when He is visible and clear before our eyes. It is the name associated with open miracles and clear,

Divine intervention. The name *Elokim* captures the concept of G-d hidden behind the veil of the natural world.

In this world, we are often unable to recognize G-d's grand plan as it is masked in ways that we cannot comprehend. In this world, Hashem hides behind the veil of *Elokeinu*. One day, that veil will pull back and we will clearly see Hashem as He reveals Himself to us. When that day comes, we will also be able to look back and finally see the hidden hand of *Hashem* that guided us throughout. When that day comes, we will finally understand how *kol d'avad rachman l'tav avad*, all that *Hashem* does is for the good. Then we will see how.

That, explains the *Tzelach* in *Brachos*, is why the *gemara* says that unlike today where we make one *bracha* on bad news, *dayan ha'emes*, and a different *bracha* on good news, *hatov v'hameitiv*, when *Moshiach* comes, we will only make one *bracha* on both, *hatov v'hameitiv*. Then, we will fully understand that seemingly bad news is really good.

That is the essential message in the first *possuk* of *shema*. We declare our acceptance of all that G-d does, and we acknowledge that one day we will recognize that *Hashem* who now hides behind the mask of *Elokeinu*, and the clear, revealed *Hashem* of open miracles are one and the same.

Let's now consider Yaakov and the 22 years he has just suffered through. He had certainly proclaimed the *bracha* of *dayan ha'emes* upon receiving the news of Yosef's death. Now, 22 years later, Yaakov sees the story unfold and come to its conclusion. Now Yaakov sees that all the seeming bad of the last two decades was really good. At this moment of reunion, Yaakov replays in his mind all the anger, pain, and despair of those years, and recognizes how he had gotten it all wrong. Yaakov experiences the ideas expressed in *krias shema* as *Hashem* reveals Himself to him. Yaakov does not cry, not because he is not thrilled to reunite with Yosef, but because he is overcome with the awe of enlightenment as the last two decades of his life are transformed in his mind.

The lesson for parents: We are often shortsighted in our parenting. We tend to panic and become very fearful at the slightest setback, failure, or struggle our children confront. We get caught in the immediate moment, and forget that there is a bigger picture. Yaakov, here, reminds us that we need to approach life with a long-term view. We need to recognize that our job as parents is to get our kids to adulthood intact and capable of joining the world. There will inevitably be setbacks and frustrations along the way. Sometimes those setbacks will require intervention and action on our part. Often, however, one step back is part of the process of moving forward in a long-distance journey. Often, what might help in the short term may be harmful in the long term. We need to think long term. The *chinuch* of our children is a marathon, not a sprint.

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

Responsibility

Ruach

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



Parent Teacher Conferences Locations

Grades K-2 First Floor

Grades 3-5 Third Floor

Grades 6-8 Second Floor

Resource Shul/Basement

Grades K-2: First Floor

Kindergarten: Miss. Yagen

1st Floor, Room #102

Pre-1A: Mrs. Nadav, Mrs. Goldring

1st Floor, Room #106

Grade 1: Rabbi Myski

1st Floor, Room #109

Mrs. Lampert

1st Floor, Room #103

(Resource Room)

Grade 2: Rabbi Weissman

1st Floor, Room #101

Grades 3-5: Third Floor

Grade 3: Rabbi Biller

3rd Floor, Room #301

Mrs. Gendel

3rd Floor, Room #303

Grade 4: Rabbi Lowy

3rd Floor, Room #304

Mrs. Stein

3rd Floor, Room #305

Grade 5: Rabbi Robinson

3rd Floor, Room #302

Mrs. Leibovic

3rd Floor, Room #300

Grades 6-8: Second Floor

Limudei Kodesh:

Grade 6: Rabbi Plotzker

2nd Floor, Room #202

Grade 7: Rabbi Prupas

2nd Floor, Room #206

Grade 8: Rabbi Peikes

2nd Floor, Room #201

General Studies:

Grade 6&8: Rabbi Kahana

2nd Floor, Room #207, Mrs. Weitz's office
(off main office)

Grade 7: Rabbi Brodie

2nd Floor, Room #207, Mrs. Meisels' office
(off main office)

Grade 8: Rabbi Perry

2nd Floor, Room #204, Conference Room

Grade 6&7: Mrs. Fuchs

2nd Floor, Room #203
(Near 8th Grade Classroom)

Grade 8: Ms. Paretzky

2nd Floor Room # 207, Ladies Staff Room

Support Staff

Mrs. Levinger – Director of Special Services

2nd Floor, Room # 205

Shul/Basement:

Rabbi Meth

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Mrs. Cantor

Mrs. Warum

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- 3rd Grade – 15 פסוקים
- 4th Grade – 20 פסוקים
- 5th Grade – 25 פסוקים
- 6th Grade – 30 פסוקים
- 7th Grade – 40 פסוקים
- 8th Grade – The whole פרשה

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Parent's signature

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Zichron Yitzchak



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זכרון יצחק

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Erev Shabbos & Shabbos



שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום

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- Grades 3-4: Until רביעי
- Grades 5-6: Until פרשה
- Grades 7-8: Whole פרשה

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SHABBOS

Name _____
Phone _____

MOTZEI SHABBOS

Name _____
Phone _____

שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום

Name _____
Phone _____