

# REUVEN REVIEW

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

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## Rabbi Prupas's Seventh Grade Father/Son Breakfast *Siyum* on *Perek Hakones*



# PRECIOUS PARSHA PEARLS

The Three Rs in פרשת וארא

Dear Parents,  
Please use this as a  
conversation starter  
at your שבת table

## Respect

Moshe showed respect for Pharaoh when he was talking to him about saving the *Yidden*.

Yehuda Leib Nadav (2), Dov Ives (8), Azriel Laster (8), Yehuda Gottlieb (4), Shlomo Gottlieb (7)

## Responsibility

It was Levi's responsibility to keep the Torah alive.

Daniel Peikes (6)

## Ruach

The Jewish children were happy that they had a safari and a petting zoo.

Doni Stern (1)

## How Can I Follow the Example in the *Parsha*?

Hashem always has a plan. Even when things are terrible, you should always trust that Hashem will make it right in the end.

Shlomo Reich (3)

Have *Hakaras Hatov* to everyone who helped you.

Tzvi Schwab (6), Yehuda Leib Nadav (2), Doni Stern (1), Roni Fuchs (2), Yoel Weisberg (5), Avraham Peikes (2), Dov Ives (8)

## Last Week's Winners

Shlomo Reich (3), Avraham Peikes (2), Aryeh Mayerfeld (5), Moshe Herman (8), Meir Rubin (1), Tzvi Schwab (6)

**Rabbi Lowy's Fourth Graders Complete *Perek Beis* in *Mishnayos Yoma***



Visualizing How Raffles Worked and How Parts Were Split Amongst *Kohanim* in the *Beis Hamikdash*



Playing a Memory Game Designed for Practicing *Mishnayos*



Weekly *Parsha Chaburas* Delivered by 12th Graders to 8th Graders



Mrs. Fuchs' Sixth and Seventh Graders Learning About Weather Patterns, Temperature and Density by Mixing Hot and Cold Water During a Science Experiment



Teamwork by our Pre 1A

***A Peek Into Yeshiva Ketana's Upcoming Events***

- ~Monday, January 21st ~  
General Studies Teacher in Service  
Dismissal K - 8 - 3:00 p.m.
- ~Thursday January 24th ~  
Dismissal K - 12:00 p.m.  
P - 8 - 1:00
- ~Friday, January 25th -Tuesday, January 29th ~  
Mid-winter Vacation, no sessions

*Mazel Tov*

Rabbi Plotzker's sixth grade on finishing *Parshas Shelach*

Thank you, N'shei,  
for this month's  
*Rosh Chodesh* treat  
of Fruit Bites.



***Weather Hotline Number***



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

K Liam Kurtz, 1 Meir Kivelevitz,  
2 Azriel Warum, 7 Aron Drel



# Parenting in the Parsha

## פרשת בא

### Choose Wisely

#### וכל בכור אדם בבניך תפדה

And you must redeem every first-born male among your children.

מאי בעית טפי, ליתן לי בנך בכורך, שְהוא פְטור רַחם לַאמו, או בעית לפדותו בְּעַד חֵמֶשׁ סְלָעִים קְדֻמְחֵיבָת מְדֹאֲרֵיטָא:  
What do you want more, to give me your son, your firstborn ... or do you want to redeem him for five selaim as you are obligated from the Torah?

- Seder pidyon Ha-ben

All great change in America begins at the dinner table.

- Ronald Reagan

In one of the volumes of the *V'ha'arev Na*, Rav Zilberstein relates a tragic story that occurred at a *pidyon ha-ben*. Sadly, the mother of the *bechor* who was to be redeemed had died soon after childbirth, and the distraught father did not feel himself capable of raising the child. When the *Kohen* asked the father if he would prefer to pay his five *sela* to redeem his son or if he would prefer the *Kohen* keep him, the father replied that the *Kohen* should keep the child. Rav Zilberstein discusses whether the father really has the option of leaving the child with the *Kohen*. He concludes that the father does not have that option. If not, why ask the question to begin with?

The *Baal Shem Tov* explains that the question posed by the *Kohen* to the father is not about the immediate transaction of the *pidyon*, but is a broader challenge that the *Kohen* is posing to the father of this newborn. Throughout this child's youth, there will be myriad instances where the father is faced with the choice between work and family, between spending more time with his children and spending time closing more deals, seeing more clients, or finishing more jobs. It is those moments that the *Kohen* refers to now at the moment of *pidyon haben*. When faced with those challenges, consider: what do you want more, your money or your son?

Our society places great financial pressure on every family. A *frum* lifestyle is expensive and housing in *frum* communities is exorbitantly expensive. The financial pressures that we face often encroach on our time with our children. But, we need to carefully weigh each of those moments and steal as much time as we can for our children. Far too often, we rationalize that we are spending time at work in order to afford all the stuff that our children want, instead of realizing that what our children really want is our time and our attention.

There was a fabulous editorial in the New York Times in May 2018, written by a young man who had just graduated Yale University. He described the horrors of his early life, having been abandoned by his birth father, given up for adoption by his birth mother and raised in foster care. When he was finally adopted by a family, his adoptive mother and father divorced and the adoptive father abandoned him. So, what saved him? His mother remarried and after the marriage they ate dinner together each night as a family. They would sit down together, the parents would ask him how school was, and he would respond in the typical monosyllabic grunts of the teenager. But, despite the grunts, the together time was invaluable and helped set him on the right path.

Numerous studies have shown that sitting down together as a family can prevent substance abuse, depression, and other ills of adolescence. Children who have the attention and time of their parents will do much better.

For many of us, the thought of sitting down to dinner nightly as a family is pure fantasy, as the demands of our jobs make it all but impossible. We are blessed, however, with Shabbos. Shabbos is designed for family time and time spent with our children. Our Shabbos *seudos* are so valuable in giving our children our undivided attention, that we should be very hesitant to give up that time for social obligations.

I had the *zchus* to be *Menachem avel* to the family of Rabbi Ralph Pelcovitz *zt"l*. Rabbi Pelcovitz was the *rov* of the White Shul in Far Rockaway, a giant of the American Orthodox rabbinate who battled the influence of conservative and reform at a time that it seemed they would dominate American Jewry. At that *shiva* house, his daughter told me that the entire time the children were growing up, every time someone invited Rabbi Pelcovitz and his Rebbetzin to join them for lunch at a Shabbos *simcha* Rabbi Pelcovitz would respond, "I would love to join you for your *simcha*, but first I am going to eat lunch with my family and then we will join you afterwards." That is what he did, they would have lunch together as a family, and the family knew that they were their father's number one priority.

What do we want more?

**Good Shabbos**

*Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

פרשת \_\_\_\_\_

# ••• PRECIOUS PARSHA PEARLS •••

The Three Rs in the פרשה

## RESPECT

## RESPONSIBILITY

## RUACH

## HOW CAN I FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE IN THE PARSHA?



פרשת בא  
שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום



*This week's program  
is sponsored*

לע"נ

*R' Zvi Dov ben*

*R' Shmuel Chaim Schachter z"l*

*ט' שבט whose yorzeit is*

*Grandfather of Efraim & Moshe Zev Schachter*

*May the זכות of the learning generated by this program  
be a זכות for him לנצח נצחים.*

**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**

To sponsor a פרשה please contact Rabbi Plotzker.  
bplotzker@ohrreuven.com

First

Last

Name of תלמיד (Please Print Clearly)

Class: (Please Check One)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – 5 פסוקים
- 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

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Machzikei Torah  
Zichron Yitzchak



מחזיקי תורה  
זכרון יצחק

# LEARNING PROGRAM

## Erev Shabbos & Shabbos



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 FEBRUARY 6TH**

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

שבת פרשת

- 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
- שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Completed forms must be received by Friday, February 1st to be included in the raffle.  
Completed forms should be faxed to 646-595-2402 or emailed to [egoldberg417@gmail.com](mailto:egoldberg417@gmail.com).

**Grand raffle will take place on February 6th**  
**50 PRIZES WILL BE RAFFLED OFF!!**

**ALL  
LEARNING  
COUNTS!**

**WEEKLY WINNERS:  
ARYEH LEIB ADLER  
YESHIVA TIFERES ELIMELECH**

EREV SHABBOS / FRIDAY NIGHT

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

SHABBOS

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

MOTZEI SHABBOS

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

שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום

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