

REUVEN REVIEW

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

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PRECIOUS PARSHA PEARLS

In recent months, a wave has been sweeping through the YKOR family that is changing Shabbos tables and changing lives. Every week, more and more of our *talmidim* are returning to Yeshiva on Sunday and sharing the values of respect, responsibility, and *ruach* that they have discovered in the *parsha*. The boys' responses are insightful, often novel, and incredibly valuable windows into the life-lessons in the *parsha*.

Using your Shabbos table or other opportunities to look at the *parsha* together with your children and to identify the values that are contained within is transformative. The Torah is the ultimate *mussar sefer*, the basis for all morals and values, and the cornerstone of all that is right and good. We just need the proper lens to see those values and show them to our children. The three "R"s in the *parsha* is that lens.

Educational research reveals that the most effective way to transmit ideas to young learners is to help them to discover those lessons rather than just teaching them. Sharing the story lines, events, and themes of the *parsha* with your children and guiding them to discover the values contained therein will impart the life-lessons that we want our children to have.

The *Rambam* in the fifth *perek* of the *Shmona Perakim* writes that the reason the Torah relates the narratives of good and evil is solely for the moral lessons that are gleaned from them. The *Ramban* in *Bereishis* echoes the same idea.

Join the wave. Transform your *Shabbos* table and your children's lives. Help them find the values of responsibility, respect and *ruach* each week.

The Three Rs in פרשת בא

Respect

When Moshe said that Pharaoh would run to him in the middle of the night he said that Pharaoh's servants would come instead of Pharaoh so as not to be disrespectful.

Mordechai Brick (2) Avraham Peikes (2)

Responsibility

Moshe went looking for Yosef's bones to bring them to Eretz Yisroel as well as trees for the Mishkan, while others were searching for gold and silver.

Mordechai Brick (2) Tuvia Bloom (2) Yehuda Leib Nadav (2) Roni Fuchs (2)
Coby Spitz (2) Yoni Maimon (2) Yaakov Kirschner (5) Simcha Goldring (4)
Moshe Weisberg (3) Dov Ives (8)

How Can I Follow the Example in the Parsha?

To believe that when Hashem says something it will happen, just like Hashem promised Bnei Yisroel he would take them out of Mitzrayim and He did.

Shlomo Reich (3)

Don't be stubborn like Pharaoh, rather give in.

Tzvi Schwab (6)

If someone makes a promise, he must keep it.

Simcha Goldring (4) Avraham Peikes (2)

Ruach

The Yidden were excited that they could leave Mitzrayim.

Doni Stern (1) Binyomin Lamstein (4) Yoni Maimon (2)

Last Week's Winners

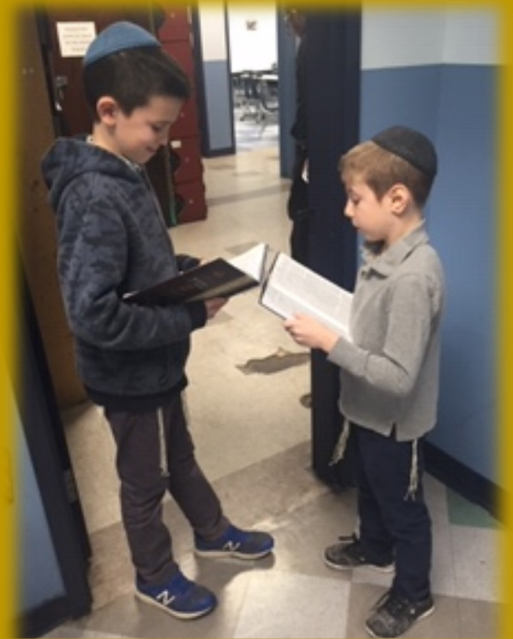
Osher Vaksman (1) Ahron Becker (3) Shimon Greenspan (3) Yehuda Smolen (1) Meir Kivelevitz (1) Yaakov Kirschner (5)



8th graders celebrate learning well with a cholent party.



"What's in Your Name" Project
Rabbi Biller, Third Grade



Talmidim of Rabbi Robinson's fifth grade class reviewing mishnayos during recess.



Pre-1A students enjoying a Pajama Party for the letter "P."

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 - 1:00p.m.

Friday, January 25th -Tuesday, January 29th ~
Mid-winter Vacation, no sessions

Mazel Tov

Yaakov Levy, 6th grade, on the birth of a niece

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Parenting in the Parsha

פרשת בשלח

High Energy

זה -לי ואנוהו אל-י אבי וארממנהו

This is my God and I will enshrine Him; The God of my father, and I will exalt Him

זה אלי ואנוהו התנאה לפניו במצות עשה לפניו סוכה נאה ולולב נאה ושופר נאה ציצית נאה ספר תורה נאה וכתוב בו לשמו בדיו נאה בקולמוס נאה בלבלר אומן וכורכו בשיראין נאין

This is my God and I will glorify Him (*anveihu*), the Lord of my father and I will raise Him up." The Sages interpreted *anveihu* homiletically as linguistically related to *noi*, beauty, and interpreted the verse: Beautify yourself before Him in *mitzvos*. Even if one fulfills the *mitzva* by performing it simply, it is nonetheless proper to perform the *mitzva* as beautifully as possible. Make before Him a beautiful *sukka*, a beautiful *lulav*, a beautiful shofar, beautiful ritual fringes, beautiful parchment for a Torah scroll, and write in it in His name in beautiful ink, with a beautiful quill by an expert scribe, and wrap the scroll in beautiful silk fabric.

- Shabbos 133B

Nothing is so contagious as enthusiasm.

-Samuel Taylor Coleridge

There is an entire industry that has sprung up in recent decades revolving around body language. Body language is the non-verbal communication that we engage in constantly, often without even being conscious of it. Our body language, though, says much more than our words.

Kids, without any training or education, are generally natural experts in body language. They can read your enthusiasm or lack thereof from your expression, your tone, and your overall posture much more than from your words. Children don't just read your body language, they also imitate it, adopting the attitudes of the important adults in their lives on a variety of issues. Any child who enthusiastically follows his father's favorite sports team(s) provides living proof of this phenomenon.

The ability that we have to transmit enthusiasm or conversely to transmit apathy brings with it great responsibility. Our children's attitudes towards Torah and *mitzvos* will largely be determined by our own attitudes.

The Torah, in the middle of the *shira* give us the *mitzvah* of *zeh keli vi'anveyhu*, the *mitzvah* of *hiddur mitzvah*, adorning or beautifying our *mitzvos*. That *mitzvah* is followed by a curious non-sequitur "*elokei avi va'aromimenhu*, the G-d of my fathers and I shall exalt Him. What is the link between the *halachic* interpretation of the beginning of the *possuk* and the conclusion of the *possuk*?

The answer lies in just the principle expounded above. When we adorn and beautify our *mitzvos*, we express clear enthusiasm for them. That enthusiasm is caught by our children who become Torah and *mitzvos* "fans" just like their fathers and mothers. If we keep our *mitzvos* bland and dry, without enthusiasm, our children will not be into them either.

That is the segue in the *possuk*. If we approach our *mitzvos* with the body language of enthusiasm and excitement, then our children will grow up to declare, "*Eloki avi va'aromimenhu*"; they too will adopt the G-d of their fathers and follow the precepts and traditions.

Many American Jews in the early 20th century gave up everything to avoid *chillul Shabbos*, yet many of them failed to raise their kids to be *shomer Shabbos*. It is well-known that Rav Moshe Feinstein blamed that failure on their attitude. They would come home Friday afternoon, having been dismissed from yet another job for refusing to report to work on Shabbos, and they would groan about how hard it is to be a Jew. That groan is what lost their children.

We need to consider carefully our priorities in enthusiasm. We also need to be very aware of what we display enthusiasm for in front of our children. If we follow our sports with intensity and we follow Torah half-heartedly, what will our children conclude about our priorities and theirs?

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?



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שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום



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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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זכרון יצחק

LEARNING PROGRAM

Erev Shabbos & Shabbos



שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום

Raffle

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

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SHABBOS

Name _____
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MOTZEI SHABBOS

Name _____
Phone _____

שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום

Name _____
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