

REUVEN REVIEW

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

יב' אייר תשע"ט

פרשת אמור

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GOING TO THE DOCTOR BEFORE CAMP?

Please make sure to review the Message from the Nurse's Office in the Registration Packet that was emailed (and is available online) to see if your son needs any updated health records or immunizations before the start of the next school year.

Please send the updated medical forms to businessoffice@ohrreuve.com so we can have the information when confirming registration and preparing admit cards in the summer.

Thank you!

www.torahumesorah.com



Torah Umesorah Convention

PRECIOUS PARSHA PEARLS

The Three Rs

Respect אחרי מות

The Kohen Gadol prepared himself before going into the Kodesh Kedoshim.

Yehuda Leib Nadav (2)

Responsibility מצורע

It's the Kohen's responsibility to check the tzaraas.

Eli Kamensky (8)

Ruach קדושים

ואהבת לרעך כמוך

Yehuda Leib Nadav (2)

How Can I Follow the Example in the Parsha? אחרי מות

We only eat animals that have had a proper שחיטה.

Shalom Gross (7)

Winners

Shua Dahan (8), Yaakov Stamm (8), Avi Zisman (8)



Please join us in giving tribute to our esteemed honorees and their dedication to Yeshivas Ohr Reuven at the upcoming Annual Dinner. **If you did not yet send in your ad text and reservations, there is still time!** You can register online at ohrreuven.com/dinner, by email to dinner@ohrreuven.com or by mail/in person to the school office.

At the dinner, there will be a beautiful parent gift for you to take home and enjoy!



Pesach Chinese Auction Winners
Rabbi Lowy, Fourth Grade



Rabbi Apter speaking at the first grade siyum.
Rabbi Myski, First Grade



Saying Birchas Ilanos
Rabbi Lowy, Fourth Grade

2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTER NOW!

Registration is an annual process for both current and newly admitted families. Personalized emails were sent from the Business Office with your family's registration information and forms for the upcoming school year. If you did not receive that email or have questions regarding registration, please contact the Business Office as soon as possible at businessoffice@ohrreuven.com or 845.362.8362, x 108.

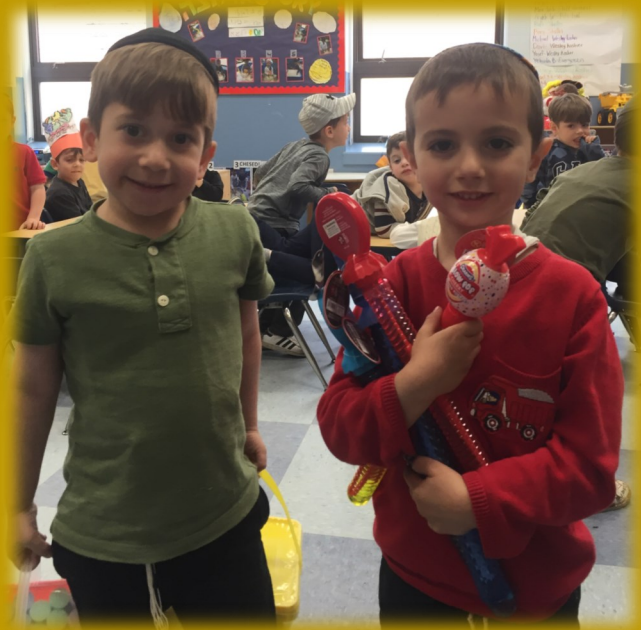
To show our appreciation to parents who submit their forms in a timely fashion and help facilitate a smooth registration process, there will once again be a Registration Discount of \$200 Per Student for all families who submit all of the required items by May 31st.

Honor Roll Students April

Sixth Grade Eliezer Dovid Baldinger, Shlomo Bessler, Chanoch Book, Elisha Dear, Yisroel Yonah Feiner, Eli Fleischer, Yaakov Meir Gilden, Shloimy Goldstein, Chaim Gavriel Herskovich, Dovi Korngold, Dovid Kurzmann, Yaakov Levy, Moshe Lorber, Ari Maimon, Yehuda Metal, Moshe Newhouse, Daniel Peikes, Davi Robinson, David Saragossi, Tzvi Schwab, Daniel Silber, Yosef Warum, Bentzi Weiss, Tzvi Weltin

Seventh Grade Yehuda Berman, Aryeh Leib Brachfeld, Moshe Tzvi Czegledi, Avi Noam Dembitzer, Aron Drel, Ezra Yehudah Gold, Shlomo Zalman Gottlieb, Shalom Gavriel Gross, Gavriel Hook, Yaakov Koegel, Dov Aharon Yehuda Morell, Moshe Needleman, Daniel Robinson, Yosef Saragossi, Ben Zion Shuster, Mayer Walden

Eighth Grade
Yehoshua Dahan,
Mayer Friedman,
Moishy Herman, Dov
Ives, Elchonon
Zalman Kamensky,
Yehuda Lichstein,
Sholom Mordechai
Mause, Rafi Perry,
Dovi Silber



This month's Rosh Chodesh treat, recess equipment for each grade, was sponsored by the Adams family in honor of their sons Eliezer (3) and Benjy (K).

K Binyamin Needleman
P Avraham Levi Whitehouse,
Eliyahu Meir Kopstick
4 Yaakov Fishman,
Avraham Frommer



A Peek Into Yeshiva Ketana's Upcoming Events

Monday May 27th ~
Memorial Day, No Transportation
Arrival: K-5: 9:00am 6-8 7:45am
Dismissal: K-8: 12:45pm

Friday May 31 ~
Registration Forms due to the Business
Office/Registration Discount

Mazel Tov

Yosef Spiegel (Alumnus), on his engagement to
Rosie Ovitsh



Parenting in the Parsha

פרשת אמור The Teenage Brain

וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֶל-מֹשֶׁה אֲמַר אֶל-הַכֹּהֲנִים בְּנֵי אַהֲרֹן וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם לִגְפֹשׁ לֹא-יִטְמָא בְּעַמִּיו:

Hashem said to Moshe: Speak to the *kohanim*, the sons of Aaron, and say to them: None shall defile himself for any (dead) person among his kin,

אמר אל הכהנים. אמר ואמרת, להזהיר גדולים על הקטנים

this repetition is intended to admonish the adults about their children also

- Rash"i

Good judgment comes with experience, but experience comes from bad judgment

- Mulla Nasrudin

If you have ever thought that your teenage child is out of his or her mind, you're not far from the neuropsychological truth. Advances in neuropsychology in the last century and a half have given us much insight into how our brains work and why the brains of adolescents don't work the same way as those of adults.

To oversimplify matters, in the center of the brain sits a region of neurons called the Amygdala, part of the limbic system, which is the control center for our emotions. At the front of the brain is the Prefrontal Cortex, which is the region that acts as a check on emotional behavior, offering logical reasoning over pure emotion. Studies and real-life cases have shown that when the Prefrontal Cortex is damaged, people will engage in behavior that is not socially acceptable and is driven by pure emotion over reason.

Brain scans have shown that there is a gap between the development of the Amygdala in children and the eventual development of the Prefrontal Cortex. In adolescents, the emotional system is up and running at full strength, while the Prefrontal Cortex will not fully develop until a child has passed his teenage years. The result of this phenomenon is that teenagers are a hotbed of magnified emotions and poor judgment. It's not their fault. It really is neurological.

The *sefer Hachinuch* notes the different rules that govern the *Kohen Gadol's* experience with the death of a relative vs. those that govern a regular Kohen. He explains that a *Kohen Gadol* is expected to be so pure and holy that he will be able to keep his emotions in check, even with the death of a close relative. That is an expectation that can only be demanded of a *Kohen Gadol*. It is not the Torah's expectation with a regular *Kohen*, who is allowed and required to become *tamei* on the death of a close relative. The *parsha* of *tumas Kohanim* is essentially a study in the rule of emotion over logic, of the times where the limbic system will get the better of the prefrontal Cortex.

If that is true for the adult *kohanim*, how much more so for the youth. They are already more prone to be governed by emotion and are not able to control it the same way that adults can. Perhaps, that is the lesson that Rash"i is bringing out for us here. The repetition of the phrase, *emor v'amarta* warns us that the adults should be mindful of the children. On the level of *psbat* it means that the adults must apply the rules of *tumas kohanim* to their underage boys as well. But, on a deeper level, perhaps the Torah is admonishing us to be mindful of the children and their inability to rein in their emotions. The child, every day, is emotionally comparable to the adult Kohen who has lost a close relative. He is unable to keep his emotions in check and incapable of having reason triumph over emotion.

That does not mean that we should simply allow our children to engage in dangerous and potentially harmful behavior. What it does mean is that we should be mindful of the emotional triggers that will drive our children's behaviors and mindful of our need to act for them as the rational check on those behaviors.

So, the next time your teenage son or daughter acts like an emotional basket-case, or the next time he or she displays incredibly poor judgment, don't panic. Your child is normal and will grow to have good, rational judgment. You just have to keep him safe until he gets there.

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?



Iyar, 5779

Dear Parent of grades 1-8,

It is our great pleasure to introduce to you the **Kamocha Campaign**! The purpose of this campaign, presented by the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation, is to provide a program for children to help them develop an effective tool needed to live in harmony with the people in their lives.

There is a profound Torah lesson that is so powerful, it can curtail bullying, cure insensitivity, build *shalom bayis* in the future and foster *ehrllichkeit* in our children. This entire lesson is contained in only ten words taught to us by Hillel: (שבת כא:א) “... דעלך סני לחברך לא תעביד—זו היא כל התורה כולה”; *that which you don't want done to you, do not do unto your friend—this is [a reflection of] the entire Torah.*

To this end, the **Kamocha Campaign** has been developed to give children the means to discover for themselves the positive impact of thinking, “How would *I* feel?” before saying or doing something to another person, and to make their own commitments to change their behavior accordingly. “*How Would I Feel?*” can become a catchphrase in every class and school, instilling in the children's hearts the very core of what the Torah sets out to teach the Jewish people. Your child's class will take on a joint *kabbalah(os)* to improve the way they treat others in a particular area. Over the next four weeks, special projects will help them further internalize this program's message, and incentives will be provided to help keep up the excitement. This powerful **Kamocha Campaign** will run during the days of *sefirah*, a most opportune time for the children to be working on *bein adam lachaveiro*.

It is our fervent hope that through your child(ren)'s participation in the **Kamocha Campaign**, they will grow in their *bein adam lachaveiro* in the short-term, while gaining crucial training in this area that will inspire them for life. Together we will reap *iy"H* much *nachas* from them!

May this endeavor hasten the *Geulah shelaima b'karov*!

Kol tuv,

Kamocha Campaign Coordinators



A project of Bidrachov, The Elementary School
Division of the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation





In honor of
ל"ג בעומר

Thursday, MAY 23rd
talmidim in grades 3-8 will be going to:

ROCKLAND LAKE
for a
**BIKING/ROLLERBLADING
EXTRAVAGANZA**

Please turn over for detailed information about the trip.





בס"ד

May 17, 2019

Dear Parents of *talmidim* in grades 3-8 שיחיו,

Lag B'Omer is coming next Thursday, May 23rd and YKOR will be having a Bike Riding / Roller Blading Extravaganza!

We look forward to a fun, exercise-filled day for *talmidim* at Rockland Lake. Fathers are welcome to join. We will be going to Rockland Lake by bus. We will be leaving Yeshiva approximately 9:45 and leaving the park around 12:15. The actual biking/roller blading will be for about 2 hours of the time we are at the park.

Bike & Roller Blades Transport Information:

All roller blades should be brought to Yeshiva on Thursday morning.

Going: Bikes should be brought to YKOR on Wednesday between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. They will be loaded onto a truck that will transport them on Thursday morning to the park. Should you wish to transport your son's bike yourself, please be at the park on Thursday morning by 10:15 to drop it off. PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR SON'S BIKE TO YESHIVA ON THURSDAY MORNING.

Returning: Bikes will be available for pickup from YKOR between 4:00 and 5:00 on Thursday afternoon. Should you wish to transport your son's bike home yourself, please be at the park by 12:00 p.m. All remaining bikes will be loaded on the truck when it is ready to leave by 12:30.

***Any parents that are able to bring their son's bike to the park, it would be appreciated, as there is limited space on the truck.**

Additional Important Information:

- **HELMETS ARE REQUIRED!** For their safety, *talmidim* will not be allowed to ride or roller blade without a helmet.
- Wrist guards are recommended for roller blading.
- Please pack sun screen, adequate drinks, snacks and a bag-lunch for your son.
- *Talmidim* may wear t-shirts, no-shorts please.
- Adequate supervision around the lake is being provided thanks to the Rebbeim and the N'shei.
✚ We are looking for a few more mothers to volunteer to be at different stations set up with first aid kits and water. If it is something you would be able to do please contact Mrs. Simi Eisenstadt @718-473-6520 or Mrs. Aviva Cohen @845-548-4722.

Special thanks to Mr. Avromi Balsam, YOR's Administrator for all of his help in arranging this Lag Baomer Trip!

Sincerely,

Rabbi Yosef Rawicki
Menahel

בס"ד

קבלת התורה HASMADAH PROGRAM



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YESHIVA KETANA

IT'S SO EASY!!!!



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Name _____

Grade _____

Week of Parshas _____

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	שבת
Time Learned							
Parent Sig							

Total Minutes _____

Parent Signature _____

Please place completed charts in the 'chartbox' outside the office

*To assist in sponsoring this, or any of our special programs please email
bplotzker@ohrreuven.com*

בס"ד

קבלת התורה HASMADAH PROGRAM IT'S SO EASY!!!!

1st GRADE : 3000 minutes

2nd GRADE: 3000 minutes

3rd GRADE: 5000 minutes

4th GRADE: 5000 minutes

5th GRADE: 7750 minutes

6th GRADE: 7750 minutes

7th GRADE: 7750 minutes

8th GRADE: 10000 minutes

1st—4th GRADE
1 RAFFLE TICKET FOR
EACH 15 MINUTES
YOU LEARN!!

49 DAYS OF SEFIRAH =

49,000

5th - 8th GRADE
1 RAFFLE TICKET FOR
EACH 1/2 HOUR
YOU LEARN!!

TOTAL YESHIVA MINUTES!!!



WE CAN DO IT!!!



ר"ח אייר - שבועות

ICE SKATING TRIP
FOR ALL QUALIFYING CLASSES!!!!

PROGRAM RULES:

Homework time is included.

All qualifying time is outside of regular yeshiva hours.

At least 3/4 of class participating is needed to qualify.

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פרשת אָמור
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)

- ☐ 1st Grade – 5 פסוקים
- ☐ 2nd Grade – 10 פסוקים
- ☐ 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

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

Parent's signature

**ALL REMAINING 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



אור ראובן
OHR REUVEN
ANNUAL
DINNER

Wednesday, May 29

כ"ד אייר תשע"ט

SHERATON MAHWAH

1 International Boulevard, Route 17 North, Mahwah NJ

RECEPTION 6:30PM · DINNER 7:30PM

IN MEMORY OF R' CHAIM DOV BRODIE, A"H
ל"נ ר' חיים דוב ז"ל בן הרב בנציון שלום שליט"א



Parents of the Year
**Sruly &
Melanie
Dahan**



Guests of Honor
**Rabbi &
Mrs. Ari
Senter**



Harbotzas Hatorah Award
**Rabbi &
Mrs. Yitzy
Robinson**
REBBE, YESHIVA KETANA / ALUMNUS



*Kesser Rabbanus
Smicha-Presentation*
**R' Avraham
Pressburger
R' Dubi Feiner**

Journal Chairman
MR. MOISHE DEUTSCH

Dinner Chairman
RABBI CHAIM SILVER



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WEDNESDAY, MAY 29 כ"ד אייר תשע"ט

SHERATON MAHWAH • RECEPTION 6:30 PM • DINNER 7:30 PM

IN MEMORY OF R' CHAIM DOV BRODIE, A"H ל"נ ר' חיים דוב ז"ל בן הרב בציון שלום שליט"א

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Ad Rates

- ☐ Builder..... \$10,000
- ☐ Parchment-Page \$5,000
- ☐ Diamond-Page..... \$3,600
- ☐ Platinum-Page \$1,800
- ☐ Gold-Page \$1,000
- ☐ Silver-Page \$750
- ☐ Full-Page* \$500
- ☐ Half-Page \$275
- ☐ Third-Page..... \$180
- ☐ Quarter-Page \$125
- ☐ Eighth-Page..... \$75

* Ads of \$500 and up, include 2 reservations

Ad Text

☐ Please repeat my ad from last year

AD DEADLINE: MAY 16, 2019

I REQUEST THE FOLLOWING:

- ☐ Reservations & Journal Ad
- ☐ Reservations Only (\$300 per couple)
- ☐ Journal Ad only (sorry, I cannot attend)
- ☐ Donation only

Total # of Attendees: _____

Men's Reservations

☐ Rabbi ☐ Dr. ☐ Mr. _____

Please seat me with: _____

Women's Reservations

☐ Mrs. ☐ Dr. ☐ Ms. _____

Please seat me with: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

☐ Check enclosed

☐ Please charge my: ☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ DISCOVER ☐ AMEX

In the amount of \$ _____

Card # _____

CVC _____ Exp. ____/____ Signature _____

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