



OHR REUVEN אור ראובן
YESHIVA KETANA

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

No Suffern Central
Transportation

Monday, November 11, 2019

Legal Holiday-
No Transportation
Dismissal- K-8 3:00 PM

Sunday, November 17, 2019

N'shei Tea

Sunday, November 24, 2019

1st Grade Hascholas
Chumash Celebration

Thursday, November 28, 2019

Legal Holiday-
No transportation
Dismissal K-8 12:45 PM

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Parent Teacher Conferences
Dismissal 1-8 12:00 PM

Sunday, December 22, 2019

Erev Chanukah

IMPORTANT NOTES

A reminder that there is a
new message line number
this year. You may want to save
the number in your contacts:

845.362.8362, x 199

REUVEN REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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Succos SMILE Program!

Thank you to all who sent in pictures for the Succos SMILE Program!

You can still send in pictures to pictures@ohrreuven.com, see flyer attached.



Dovid Benjamin getting his esrog checked by the Rosh Yeshiva.



Yakov Kirshner davening with his lulav and esrog.



Daniel & Avraham Peikes with their lulav and esrog.



Akiva, Noam and Mordechai Deutsch in their succah.

Rabbi Peikes's class hiking trip



Rabbi Weissman's class practicing leshana tova.



Rabbi Prupas's class on a pre succos trip.



Rabbi Kohn's class learning in the Mesivta's Beis Medrash.



MATNAS SHABBOS PROGRAM IS BACK!

Parents of talmidim in grades 1-4 please look out for the special matnas shabbos booklet.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

(K) Zorach Schneid	(4) Argeh Kahn
(K) Nathan Yitzchok Kahana	(4) Baruch Simcha Leibovic
(P) Yehuda Idel Balsam	(5) Levi Tenenbaum
(P) Benjy Adams	(5) Yeshaya Simcha Vilinsky
(P) Meir Leib Muntner	(6) Yonah Coren
(P) Yosef Mayerfeld	(6) Yakov Kirschner
(P) Pinny Needleman	(6) Shimon Dahan
(1) Tzvi Silber	(6) David Rosenberg
(2) Akiva Kahana	(7) Yisroel Yonah Feiner
(3) Aharon Yehuda Feiner	(7) Chanoch Book
(3) Yehuda Leib Nadav	(8) Gavriel Hook

MAZEL TOV

Meir Leib Muntner on his new baby sister.

Yehuda Balsam on his new baby sister.

You can still sign up for lunch or breakfast by completing the meals form (available online).



Talmidim bringing lunch from home should bring meat or parve lunches on Tuesdays and bring non-meat lunches on Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays.

בראשית

Of Do's and Don'ts

ויצו ה' אל-ים על האדם לאמר מכל עץ הגן אכל תאכל

And the LORD God commanded Man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you are free to eat;"

ומעץ הדעת טוב ורע לא תאכל ממנו כי ביום אכלך ממנו מות תמות

but as for the tree of knowledge of good and bad, you must not eat of it; for as soon as you eat of it, you shall die."

מכל עץ הגן אכול תאכל פירוש הוא מצוה להחיות נפשו ולהנות מפרי הגן וכמו דאמר סוף ירושלמי דקדושין עתיד אדם ליתן דין וחשבון כ' ולא אכיל ואם אמר האדם לאשתו כי השי"ת צוה לאכול מן הגן אף שלא כוונה למצוה מכל מקום היה קיומה מגין שלא לאכול מעץ הדעת

"Of every tree of the garden you are free to eat;" meaning it is a *mitzvah* to sustain himself and to have pleasure from the fruits of the garden as it says in the *Yerushalmi* at the end of *kiddushin*, man will have to answer in the future for all the pleasures of the world from which he did not partake. If Adam had told his wife that *Hashem* had commanded to eat from the garden, even if she had no intent for the *mitzvah*, the fulfillment of the *mitzvah* would have protected from eating from the *etz hoda'as*.

-Meshech Chochma

Ask most people to tell you the first command given to Man in the Torah, and they will point to the commandment to Adam and Chavah to refrain from eating from the *Etz Ho'daas*, the Tree of Life. The *Meshech Chochma*, however, notes that this is actually the second *mitzvah*. It is preceded by the *mitzvah* to eat from all the other trees of the garden. As the *Meshech Chochma* comments, the *possuk* is a positive *mitzvah* for Adam and Chava to sustain themselves and to enjoy the fruits of the garden. In fact, the *Meshech Chochma* writes that had Adam conveyed to Chava the fact that eating from the other trees was a positive *mitzvah* the sin of eating from the *Etz Ho'da'as* would never have happened!

The insight of the *Meshech Chochma* provides a valuable lesson in Torah *chinuch*. Too often we give children the impression that Judaism is a never-ending series of greater and greater restrictions that rob life of fun and enjoyment. We inadvertently, and sometimes purposely raise our children to believe that joy and pleasure are not in line with Torah values at best, and are sinful at worst. The *Meshech Chochma* tells us that the first commandment to humankind was the *mitzvah* to find the joy and pleasure in the beautiful world *Hashem* created.

In fact, the *Meshech Chochma* goes on to cite the *Yerushalmi* in *Kiddushin*, where Rava states the a *talmid chacham* will have to answer in the future for any of the pleasures of G-d's world that he did not take the opportunity to enjoy.

I once had the pleasure of teaching a class of normal, wholesome teenage boys. They were good kids who were not looking to get into trouble, but were in need of outlets and opportunities for fun. They complained to me how with each passing day they were bombarded with an ever-growing list of things they were not allowed to do, and were wondering what it was they could do. They were not yet bitter, but were

in danger of becoming so, and we found activities and outlets for them that were both kosher and enjoyable.

It is a terrible mistake to present children with the idea that the Torah lifestyle is one of deprivation and pain. While the reality may be different, children today will grow up with the understanding and belief that they have the choice of whether or not they want to buy in to a Torah lifestyle. We need to give them reason to buy in and want to build themselves a Torah life. Like Rav Moshe Feinstein's famous observation about the harm caused by pious fathers who said "*shver tzu zein a yid*" "it is difficult to be a Jew," if we present Judaism as something that is difficult and painful, our children are likely to opt out of it as they grow up.

Had Chava not seen the *mitzvos* of *Hashem* as restrictions and prohibitions, but of a desire by G-d for us to enjoy his world, she never would have succumbed to the temptation of sin. We need to steer clear of the error of *Adam Harishon*.

Torah is not simply a series of "no's" Rather, the Torah is all about finding balance in life. It gives us the ability to appreciate and enjoy the permissible precisely because there is a realm of the impermissible. It provides a framework that sets the boundaries within which we find the pleasure in the gifts that *Hashem* has granted us.

As parents, we need to find joy in Judaism and joy in life from of our Judaism, and we need to make sure that message comes through loud and clear to our children. We are the single biggest influence on their perception of living a *torah* life. Let's make sure we sell it properly.

Good Shabbos,
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
Principal



Middle School Honor Roll
September 2019



Menachem Breningstall

Yonah Coren

Shimon Dahan

Dovid Feder

Shmuel Fishman

Nechemia Gold

J.J. Gotesman

Yosef Meir Grynheim

Gavi Itzkowitz

Pinchas Joseph

Yaakov Kirschner

Shnuer Kurkus

Yoni Mause

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Dovid Rosenberg

Eli Stein

Baruch Stern

Yehoshua Weg

Yoel Weisberg

Nati Zisman

Eliezer Dovid Baldinger

Shlomo Bessler

Chanoch Book

Yaakov Meir Gilden

Shloimy Goldstein

Chaim Gavriel Herskovich

Dovid Kurzmann

Yaakov Levy

Moshe Lorber

Daniel Silber

Yehuda Berman

Aryeh Leib Brachfeld

Moshe Tzvi Czegledi

Avi Noam Dembitzer

Aron Drel

Yehuda Gamzeh

Ezra Yehudah Gold

Shlomo Zalman Gottlieb

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First

Last

Name of תלמיד (Please Print Clearly)

Class: (Please Check One)

☐ 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

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דעם ציט צוהער

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SMILE



Please email to: pictures@ohrreuve.com

1 picture (only)

of your son/s performing the sukkos mitzvohs –

Shaking lulav, sitting in a סוכה, helping build the סוכה

We are looking forward to decorating our entrance
bulletin board with them after Sukkos.



חג כשר ושמח!





health.ny.gov/flu



Department
of Health

Fight Flu

at Home and School

Flu, or influenza, spreads easily and can make people very sick, especially kids. You can help stop flu!

Flu symptoms include:

Fever or chills, body aches, cough, sore throat, headache, runny or stuffy nose, feeling very tired. Some people, especially children, may have stomach problems and diarrhea. Unlike a cold, the flu comes on very suddenly.

Prevent flu!

- Flu vaccine is the best protection against the flu. It is recommended every year for everyone 6 months and older.
- Get the flu vaccine for you and your children every year! It helps make flu sickness milder or prevents it all together.
- Getting the vaccine early in the fall means you and your children will be protected when flu season starts.
- Ask people close to your children, like babysitters and relatives, to get the vaccine, too.
- The vaccine is especially important for people with certain health conditions, like asthma, diabetes, heart or lung conditions because the flu can make them even sicker.

If your child gets the flu:

- Your child will need plenty of rest and lots of fluids.
- Keep your child home from school for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone without using fever-control medicine. This helps avoid giving the flu to others.
- Talk with your child's health care provider before giving a child any over-the-counter medicine.
- Never give your child or teenager aspirin or any medicine that has aspirin in it. Aspirin can cause serious problems.
- If your child gets flu symptoms and is younger than 5 or has a medical condition like asthma, diabetes, or heart or lung disease, call their health care provider. Young children and those with certain medical conditions are at greater risk for getting seriously ill from the flu. Ask their health care provider if they recommend an antiviral drug.
- If you are worried about your child, call their health care provider.

Don't spread flu!

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water aren't handy, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow, not your hands. Put used tissues in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. That's how germs spread.
- Stay away from people who are sick.