



OHR REUVEN אור ראובן
YESHIVA KETANA

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

No Suffern Central
Transportation

Sunday, November 10, 2019

Hascholas Mishnayos

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

IMPORTANT NOTES

A reminder that there is a
new message line number
this year. Information
Regarding school closed,
delays ect will be left on this
number. **845.362.8362,**
x 199

REUVEN REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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ד כסלו תש"פ

פרשת נח

Matnas Shabbas Program in action!



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

Siyum HaShas- Are you Coming?

The Siyum HaShas committee is working on the programming and scheduling
at the Siyum and would like an estimate of Masmidei HaSiyum participants.

Please email pschwartz@ohrreuven.com if your son will be attending the
Siyum HaShas at Metlife stadium.

Thank you to the N'shei for the special Rosh Chodesh treats for the students and staff!



Reichmans Upsherin



Pizza for our master testers being tested on the first 2 daffin of Hakoneis.



Tzvi Silber (1st Grade) leading a kumzitz in honor of Rosh Chodesh.



Cake and hot cocoa for the boys who completed the sukkos *Hasmadah* and *Davening With a Minyan* program!



Parent Feedback

We were BH in Eretz Yisrael, and in our rented car Yisroel Yonah found 1 shekel, and he proceeded to give all the reasoning about finding and keeping it, and in particular comparing it to the case of the hotel that is brought down in the Gemora that Rabbi Plotzker taught his class.

*Thank you for "making it real."
Yehoshua Feiner*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- (1) Aryeh Leib Lipszyc
- (3) Elkanah Chaim Berkowitz
- (3) Dovid Benjamin
- (4) Eliezer Adams
- (7) Moshe Newhouse
- (8) Moshe Needleman
- (8) Ezra Yehudah Gold

MAZEL TOV

Rabbi and Mrs. Avrum Chaim Lowy (Rebbe) on their daughter's chasuna.

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Tall Towers and Black Swans

וַיְהִי כָל הָאָרֶץ שָׁפָה אֶחָת וּדְבָרִים אֶחָדִים:

Everyone on earth had the same language and the same words.

וּדְבָרִים אֶחָדִים-אֶמְרוּ אֶחָת לְאֶחָד וּתְרַנְּנוּ שְׁנַיִם הִרְקִיעַ מִתְמוּטָּט כְּשֶׁם שַׁעֲשָׂה בִּימֵי הַמְּבּוּל, בּוֹא וְנַעֲשֶׂה לוֹ סְמִיכוֹת

They spoke דברים "sharp" words; they said, "Once in every one thousand six hundred and fifty-six years (the period that elapsed from the Creation to the Flood) there is a heaven-shaking, just as there was in the days of the Flood. Come. then, and let us make supports for it"

-Bereishis Rabbah 38:6

We can't be so busy staying alive that we're not living

-Rabbi Yitzki Hurwitz (Wall Street Journal, Sep. 5, 2019)

The brains of humans contain a mechanism that is designed to give priority to bad news.

- Daniel Kahneman

Daniel Kahneman and Amos Tversky are two of the most influential psychologists of the 20th century. They, along with Richard Thaler, were awarded the Nobel prize in economics for establishing that people are far less rational in their decision making than we like to think we are (Tversky passed away before the award, and Kahneman accepted it on both their behalves). We tend to believe that we make decisions in our lives based on a rational analysis of the best information available. In his fabulous book, *Thinking Fast and Slow*, Kahneman elegantly sums up the conclusions of his and Tversky's research and shows the factors that actually control our decisions.

One of the most fascinating observations about human thought are the heuristics which control our decision making. Heuristics, as Kahneman and Tversky describe them, are mental shortcuts which we use to draw conclusions, instead of actually going the difficult process of gathering, crunching, and analyzing data to reach a scientific conclusion. One of those heuristics is what they refer to as the Availability Heuristic.

The Availability Heuristic dictates that information that is in the forefront of our minds and is readily available for recall will have a disproportionate influence on our thinking. For example, after a plane crash, people will be less likely to fly, even though the statistical odds of their dying in a plane crash have not increased (and may have even decreased). The crashing of the plane is information that is readily available and retrievable in the mind and therefore has an outsize influence on decision-making.

Kahneman observes that the media has a significant influence on the Availability Heuristic, as the stories they choose to cover receive more attention and are more readily available in the public mind. By way of example, Kahneman notes that more people die annually from cows falling on them than from shark attacks, yet there is great public fear of shark attacks and little fear of tipping cows!

The combination of the media competition for our ever-shrinking attention span and the undue influence the stories they cover have on our thinking have reshaped our society in ways that are not desirable. The media tend to give maximum coverage to rare occurrences precisely because they are rare and therefore newsworthy. But, because they are widely reported, our minds come to see them as normal and they strongly influence our decision making. We live in fear of events that are too rare to be of

any statistically significant danger.

Nassim Nicholas Taleb, in his book, *The Black Swan: The Impact of the Highly Improbable*, discusses the highly improbable events that can and do impact our lives, financially and otherwise. Black Swan is the term he coined for these unpredictable, rare events. They can and do occur. Yet, if we spend our lives living in fear of the highly improbable, we run the risk of robbing ourselves of much of life to avoid a negligible risk.

The *dor Haflagah* was guilty of precisely that error. Their Availability Heuristic had the flood of Noach at the forefront of their minds, as it was the single greatest news story of their era. They concluded, therefore, that this must be a regular event, recurring every 1,656 years and they put all their energies towards mitigating the risk.

They were, of course, wrong on two counts. They were wrong to conclude, based on one Black Swan occurrence, that the same thing would happen again in the same way. They were wrong, as well, in assuming they could even mitigate the risk, as the folly of their plan made clear.

The lesson has profound implications for parenting. We have built a society centered around safety as the primary concern. Our obsession with safety is a product of the Black Swan events in our society and the intense media coverage of those events which feed our collective Availability Heuristic. We build a bubble of protection around our children to shield them from the highly improbable, simply because we have been conditioned to irrationally fear the rare exception events of the world.

In some ways, safety is very good and very valuable. But, our aversion to risk has its risks. When we rob our children of opportunities for independence for fear of high-profile but statistically insignificant events, we rob our children of the opportunity to grow up. When we hover over our children in order to keep them safe from all harm, we cause them harm by fostering anxieties and fears that paralyze them.

When a child learns to walk, he risks falling and potential injury. As parents, we could mitigate that risk by not letting go. Hopefully, we know better than to do that, because we don't want to stop our child from learning how to walk. Can we let go enough to let our children learn how to fly?

*Good Shabbos,
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
Principal*



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YESHIVA KETANA

עשרת ימי תשובה שמירת עינים

QUALIFIERS



אור רעוּבֵן
YESHIVA KETANA

1st Grade

Avraham Levi Whitehouse
Dov Pollak
Yisroel Shulman
Gavi Babani
Moshe Lampert
Naftali Rubin

2nd Grade

Moshe Gruen
Daniel Gotesman
Eliezer Eisenstadt
Doni Stern
Shalom Adler
Elisha Friedman
Daniel Ben-Shlomo
Yehuda Smolen
Osher Vaksman

3rd Grade

Roni Fuchs
Yehuda Leib Nadav
Coby Spitz
Yitzchok Meir Richmond
Avrohom Peikes

4th Grade

Moshe Weisberg
Chaim Cohen
Shlomo Reich
Shua Appel
Elya Adler
Aharon Becker
Shimon Greenspan

5th grade

Chaim Tzvi Eisenstadt
Elchonon Light
Avrami Frommer
Avi Weg
Zevy Deutsch
Yosef Friedman
Shlomo Eichler

6th Grade

Yoel Weisberg
Yonah Coren

7th Grade

Eliezer Dovid Baldinger
Shlomo Bessler

8th Grade

Daniel Peikes



בס"ד



100 QUESTIONS ON סבֹּת

1st Grade

Naftali Rubin
Dovid Czertok
Asher Singer
Mordy Gold
Avraham Levi Whitehouse
Noam Deutsch
Yisroel Shulman
Moshe Lampert
Ari Lipszyc
Tzvi Silber

2nd Grade

Menachem Goldstein
Akiva Deutsch
Dovi Kaplovitz
Mordechai Frommer
Moshe Gruen
Doniel Gotesman
Elisha Friedman

3rd Grade

Coby Spitz
Roni Fuchs
Mordechai Brick
Akiva Weinraub
Avraham Peikes
Yehuda Leib Nadav
Dovi Leff

4th Grade

Zevi Halton
Shlomo Reich
Tzvi Neuhauser
Shimon Greenspan
Aryeh Muller
Shua Appel
Aharon Becker
Gavriel Silber

5th Grade

Yaakov Fishman
Ezzy Friedman
Moishy Kaplowitz
Shlomo Eichler
Avi Weg
Menachem Perkowski
Avrami Frommer
Yosef Friedman

6th Grade

Shneur Zalman Kurkus
JJ Gotesman
Shua Weg
Yakov Kirschner
Shmuli Fishman
Yosef Meir Grynheim

7th Grade

Eliezer Dovid Baldinger
Shloimy Goldstein
Daniel Silber
Yaakov Levy
Eli Fleischer

8th Grade

Daniel Peikes

★ OVER 50 ★

★ TALMIDIM ★

★ QUALIFIED!!! ★

Machzikei Torah
Zichron Yitzhak



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זכרון יצחק

LEARNING PROGRAM

Erev Shabbos & Shabbos



ALL
LEARNING
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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 JANUARY 7TH

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

שבת פרשת

Name _____

Yeshiva _____ Grade _____

Phone _____ Parent's Signature _____

Please fill in the information below clearly:

☐ Learned 15 minutes
on Erev Shabbos

☐ Learned on Shabbos
(Grades 1-4) 15 minutes / (Grades 5-8) 30 minutes

☐ Learned on Motzei Shabbos
(Grades 1-4) 15 minutes / (Grades 5-8) 30 minutes

☐ Learned שנים מקרא
ואחד תרגום

First time participants should also fill out the information below:

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Completed forms must be received by January 1st to be included in the raffle.

Completed forms should be faxed to 646-595-2402 or emailed to egoldberg417@gmail.com.

Grand raffle will take place on Monday, January 7th, עשרה בטבת
50 PRIZES WILL BE RAFFLED OFF!!

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מרת רייזל בת ר' יחזקאל שרגא ע"ה
ר' משה דוב בן ר' יהושע אליעזר ז"ל בראקער
מרת שרה מרים בת ר' שמואל צבי ע"ה

ר' ישראל מנחם בן ר' בנימין ז"ל
מרת רחל לאה בת ר' חיים צבי ע"ה
מרת שרה ציריל בת ר' אברהם הכהן ע"ה

ר' דוד שניאור בן ר' יצחק ז"ל
ר' חיים שלמה בן ר' דוד שניאור ז"ל
מרת חייה צירל בת ר' שלמה זלמן ע"ה
ר' אברהם חיים בן ר' אליעזר הלוי ז"ל

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Register Now You will receive a dedicated Dor Ldor PIN for recording these learning sessions.



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HOW DO I REGISTER?

Send a blank email to:

Dorldor@masmideihasiyum.org

Or **fax** your full name, address, phone number, and the Masmid's name and PIN to **877-826-8645**

Note: The masmid must update their account separately.

לע"נ ר' דוד לוי ב"ר משה יעקב ז"ל סאפיר - מרת רייזל ב"ר יחזקאל שרגא ע"ה
ר' משה דוב ב"ר יהושע אליעזר ז"ל בראקער - מרת שרה מרים ב"ר שמואל צבי ע"ה
ר' ישראל מנחם ב"ר בנימין ז"ל - מרת רחל לאה ב"ר חיים צבי ע"ה - מרת שרה ציריל ב"ר אברהם הכהן ע"ה
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מרת חיה ציריל ב"ר שלמה זלמן ע"ה - ר' אברהם חיים ב"ר אליעזר הלוי ז"ל



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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
