



OHR REUVEN אור ראובן  
YESHIVA KETANA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**\*Please Note Date Change:**

Motzei Shabbos,  
December 21, 2019

Mesivta Open House 8:00 PM

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Parent Teacher Conferences  
Dismissal 1-8 12:00 PM

Sunday, December 22, 2019

Erev Chanukah

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

Legal Holiday-  
No Transportation

Thursday, December 26, 2019

No Suffern Central  
Transportation

December 27-30, 2019

Chanukah Vacation  
No sessions

Wednesday January 1, 2019

Legal Holiday - No sessions

## IMPORTANT NOTES

In case of inclement  
weather, please call the  
Yeshiva Ketana message  
line: **845.362.8362, x  
199.** (The Mesivta message line is  
**845.362.8362 x 198**)

# REUVEN REVIEW

YOUR WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF YESHIVA KETANA OHR REUVEN

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פרשת תולדות

**The Rosh HaYeshiva visiting the 2nd grade sharing his personal experiences with Reb Yaakov Kamenetsky zt"l.**



**Rabbi Rawicki visiting the 1st grade's (repeat) chumash celebration.**



### Note from the Admissions Office:

If you have not yet submitted a kindergarten application for your son for the upcoming school year '20-'21, please submit it as soon as possible. Applications are submitted on-line at [ohrreuven.com/elementary](http://ohrreuven.com/elementary). Thank you!

**Kindergarten**

Information about online scheduling for Parent Teacher Conferences (PTC) will be emailed out iy'h this coming week. Please look out for an email mid week with login info and instructions.

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Thank you Gavriel Perlman (6th grade) for the artwork, which helped us get a better picture of what the סוגיית תרומה is all about.



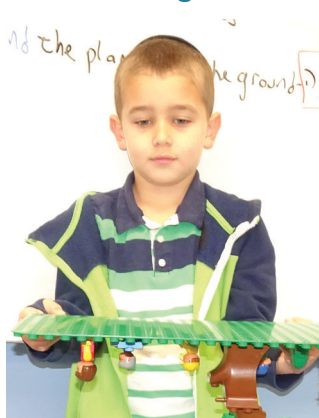
7th graders learning this past Friday in the YOR Bais Medrash



Rabbi Shonek teaching eighth graders hilchos tefillin and how to make the knots.



Dov Golani "flipping over the city of sodom."



Rabbi Brodie s'gan Rosh HaYeshiva joining the 8th grade Station Rotations on שש מצות תמידיות.



Mazel tov to the 3rd graders on finishing their first Mishnah. They were treated to special cupcakes baked and delivered by the kindergarten class who learned about Rivka's chessed.

Thank you to the kindergarten boys and Morah Faigy.



## Parent Feedback

"I just wanted to express how fortunate we feel to have two wonderful Rebbeim like Rabbi Myski and Rabbi Weissman teaching our boys. Over this past week, I have spoken to both of them on multiple occasions.

Rabbi Myski internalizes and cares about every last detail of the Chumash celebration. He is makpid that everything should go as smoothly and perfectly for the boys, as possible. He truly wants this celebration to be

memorable for many years to come. My son can't wait for Sunday, iyh!!!!

Rabbi Weissman has been in constant touch regarding our son's kria. Rabbi Weissman was so sensitive to his feelings. He brainstormed to help us in terms of better outcomes with his homework. He also had him tested again to see how he improved from the beginning of the year. His efforts do not go unnoticed and are very much appreciated!"

Thank you N'shei for the special Rosh Chodesh Kislev treat!



MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to Daniel Robinson upon his bar mitzvah!

Mazel Tov to Avi Noam Dembitzer upon his bar mitzvah!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

(8) Dov Aharon Yehuda Morell

## תולדות

### Want Perfect Kids? Treat 'em Like They're Not

ויאהב יצחק את עשו כי ציד בפיו

Isaac favored Esau because his hunting reached his mouth; but Rebekah favored Jacob

וּמִדְרָשׁוֹ בְּפִיו שֶׁל עֵשָׂו, שֶׁהָיָה צִד אוֹתוֹ וּמִכְרָמֵהוּ בְּדִבְרָיו:

But its Midrashic explanation is: there was hunting in Esau's mouth, meaning that he used to entrap and deceive him by his words.

-Rashi

הָאִי לִישָׁנָא בִּישָׂא אַע"פ דְּלִקְבּוּלִי לֹא מִבְּעֵי מִיחַשׁ לִיה מִבְּעֵי

Lashon Hara, although one should not accept it as truth, one should be mindful of it

-Niddah 61a

No Such Thing as a Bad Kid

-Charles D. Applestein MSW

All children are perfect. They are the creation of Hashem, Himself, custom tailored to you, their parents. All children are good. They want to do what is right, and they naturally want to please the adults in their lives, unless something goes wrong and disrupts that dynamic.

Because we are so invested in our children, and because we know them to be good, we have a hard time accepting or believing that they are capable of doing anything wrong. Often, our instinct is to deny, ignore or defend when we are told that our children have done wrong. But, by closing our ears to hearing our children's shortcomings, we close the door to helping them navigate those shortcomings and overcoming them

We are all amazed at Yitzchok's blind spot for Eisav, never seeing past the superficial acts of piety that barely cover the surface of his flawed character and deeds. And yet, Yitzchok falls for Eisav completely. He cannot bring himself to see the warning signs and recognize Eisav's behavior for what it is. He cannot even bring himself to trust Rivkah who sees through Eisav's deceptions. Because he does not see the signs, Yitzchok does not attempt to reform Eisav's behavior, but leaves him as is.

What we fail to see, is the Yitzchok in ourselves. Parents, believing in their child's inherent goodness and perfection are often oblivious to the warning signs that something is going wrong with their child. Even when told by teachers, principals, camp counselor's *rabbanim* and friends that something is amiss with their child, parents' knee-jerk reaction is often to deny or explain away any warning signs. Our own pride, our ego, and our overriding desire to believe that everything is OK blind us to the problems that sometimes start to surface.

Sadly, too often, when parents deny or ignore the early warning signs, they are too late to intervene in any meaningful manner to help the child, or the late intervention must be on a major scale to be effective. If we would be open to listen, we could possibly prevent serious problems down the road.

The *gemara* in Niddah tells us that although one is not allowed to believe *lashon hara*, he should be mindful of the potential dangers implied by that gossip. We should apply the same principal to our children. We should believe that our children are perfect, but we should be concerned that they might not be. We should recognize that even the best of children succumb to temptation and we should safeguard them from the harms that the world throws at them. We should recognize that our children may need our help to overcome their trials, and we should make sure they are comfortable coming to us for that help. Parents who control their children through fear do not diminish the odds of their children getting into trouble. They simply diminish the odds that their children will confide in them and turn to them for help when trouble comes knocking.

So, believe in the greatness of your children, and help them realize that greatness by acting as though you don't believe. Be supportive, loving and caring, but be ever mindful that even your amazing child can fall. If you are concerned or are made aware that your child might be having some trouble, don't stop believing that your child is perfect. But, be diligent. Do all that you can to find out what is going on. Listen openly to the other adults and even to the other children in your child's life. Open the lines of communication with your child and keep them open, and get your child the help he needs while the problem is small, rather than waiting for it to grow too large for you to help. You won't regret it.

Good Shabbos,  
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb  
Principal

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### 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE

- ❖ Menachem Breningstall
- ❖ Shmueli Fishman
- ❖ Nechemia Gold
- ❖ J. J. Gotesman
- ❖ Yosef Meir Grynheim
- ❖ Yoni Mause
- ❖ Menachem Reider
- ❖ Baruch Stern
- ❖ Shua Weg
- ❖ Yoel Weisberg

### 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE

- ❖ Eliezer Dovid Baldinger
- ❖ Shlomo Bessler
- ❖ Chanoch Book
- ❖ Yonah Feiner
- ❖ Eli Fleischer
- ❖ Shloimy Goldstein
- ❖ Ari Maimon

- ❖ Yehuda Metal
- ❖ Moshe Newhouse
- ❖ Davi Robinson
- ❖ Daniel Silber

### 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE

- ❖ Moishie Czegledi
- ❖ Avi Noam Dembitzer
- ❖ Yehuda Gamzeh
- ❖ Ezra Gold
- ❖ Shlomo Gottleib
- ❖ Shalom Gross
- ❖ Gavriel Hook
- ❖ Dani Kohn
- ❖ Kobe Kurtz
- ❖ Dovi Morell
- ❖ Daniel Peikes
- ❖ Daniel Robinson
- ❖ Yosef Saragossi
- ❖ Mayer Walden



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שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום



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whose yahrzeit is כ" בסלו

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bplotzker@ohrreuven.com

First

Last

Name of תלמיד (Please Print Clearly)

Class: (Please Check One)

- ☐ 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 – 50 פסוקים
- ☐ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – The complete 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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